

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 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 21, 2017. 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 Council Meeting for Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Riley said they will get started this morning with their Opening Prayer and Mr. Chuck Fisher will be leading them in that.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Chuck Fisher, Warrior's Society Chaplin, offered the Opening Prayer.

Creator, once again I thank you for this day, this life and for the opportunities that each day brings.

It brings challenges as well. We are faced with seemingly new challenges. They are not challenges but it has to do with life and the way we live and the life we have before us.

Many changes that are happening in the background often but things are going to make differences in our own lives and the way that we go through life.

Things are going to get harder and we have to get stronger.

We are going to have to take up many of our.....many of these responsibilities ourselves, for ourselves, and for our people.

Help us with this. We are going to need that help, we are going to need that stamina and we are going to need everything that go together in terms of resources to continue our efforts to improve the lives of our members.

Please bless all the people here today and people who are working in that direction.

Help us in these efforts.

I don't know what else to say, please, Miigwech, thank you all.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**B. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Mike Walter, John Pabami, Elaine Porter, Jennifer Crampton, Michelle Lucas, Robert Medacco, Boo Battice, Jay Sam.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Patrick Gilles, Kenny Pheasant, Shayne Machen, Caitlin Rollins, Paul Mooney.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> WITH THE FOLLOWING \_\_\_\_; UNDER V REMOVE B, VIII NEW BUSINESS POSTPONE B, NEW BUSINESS ADD E AND F, AND UNDER CLOSED C.1 POSTPONE;** by Di Piazza; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley said he will open this up for questions or discussion. 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 - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis noted the agenda has been approved for June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes    □ 6/14/17**

**MOTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FILING FOR 6/14/17;** by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and are there any questions or discussion on this item. 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 - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis noted Tribal Council Minutes for 6/14/17 have been accepted for filing.

**III. Continuing Business**

**A. Grants & Contracts**

**B. Budget Modifications**

Speaker Riley noted they have nothing under A. Grants & Contracts and they have nothing under B. Budget Modifications.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**1. Approval for Diane Lonn to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tribal Enrollment Conference**

The conference takes place in Nashville, TN on November 13-15, 2017.

**MOTION TO APPROVE DIANE LONN TO ATTEND THE 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CONFERENCE IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE NOVEMBER 13-15;** by Pete; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley said he has Councilor Lonn abstaining. Riley said at this time he will put it up for discussion from the floor. 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 - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Abstain	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Lewis said okay one abstain and eight in favor. Lewis said it has been approved for Councilor Lonn to travel to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Enrollment Conference.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Friedel just to clarify had wanted to make sure that everybody knew that Councilor Lonn is now going to be a Liaison to the

Enrollment Commission as per her previous experience they thought she would be a good fit there so that is why she is attending an Enrollment Conference still.

**2. Approval for Jamie Friedel and Gary Di Piazza to attend the NRCC Summer Meeting**

The meeting takes place at Nemaquin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, Pennsylvania on July 14-16, 2017.

Speaker Riley said this is an annual meeting that happens every summer with the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Councilor Pete said he will make a motion.

Speaker Riley said okay and recognized Councilor Pete.

**MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL FOR JAMIE FRIEDEL AND GARY DI PIAZZA TO ATTEND THE NRCC SUMMER MEETING IN FARMINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA JULY 14-16, 2017;** by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley said he has Councilor Friedel and Councilor Di Piazza abstaining. Riley asked is there any discussion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton asked are they going to give them \$32,000 apiece.

Councilor Di Piazza said would they.

Councilor Pete said what he didn't get that. Pete said he didn't hear Speaker Riley and what.

Councilor Crampton said he asked if they were going to give them \$32,000 apiece.

Councilor Pete said he said what is that and he said Councilor Crampton said is what.

Speaker Riley said Councilor Crampton is being facetious.

Councilor Pete said oh. Pete thanked them for clarifying.

Speaker Riley asked is there any other discussion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Friedel. Riley said oh, Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said on this.....on these meetings he would.....this has to do with Republican Convention in the summer session but if he could have a little

more information on this because this one he didn't get too much information going forward and he doesn't know what went wrong but if they could have a little more information to the Executive Branch.

Councilor Crampton said from what he understands this one is supposed to be even bigger than the Martha's Vineyard one. Crampton said this one is supposed to be their big event and that is from one department to the other.

Ogema Romanelli said right that is why he would appreciate a little more communication if he could. Romanelli said he is not discounting it so much as asking for information on it prior to. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley said if there are no further questions. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (7-0-2-0)

Recorder Lewis noted travel has been approved for Councilor Friedel and Councilor Di Piazza to attend the NRCC Summer Meeting, July 14-16th. Lewis said two abstained and seven in favor, motion is passed.

*Councilor Medacco made a comment to the Speaker but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording.*

Speaker Riley said oh yes, also he wanted to mention that due to Councilors Friedel and Di Piazza going to Farmington, Pennsylvania also himself, Recorder Lewis and Councilor Crampton are going to be in Martha's Vineyard as well as they have he believe that Councilors Lonn and Pete are going to be attending Bike Time so the Legislative Offices, nobody will be here Thursday and Friday. Riley said he just wanted to make everybody aware of that.

Councilor Medacco said that is July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

Speaker Riley said correct and thanked Councilor Medacco.

**IV. Acceptance of Reports**

- A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**
  - 1. Operations Report**  None Submitted
  - 2. Financial Report**  None Submitted

Speaker Riley said nothing under Acceptance of Reports.

**V. Acceptance of Commission Reports**

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| <b>A. Binojeeuk Commission</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> May 2017           |
| <b>B. Enrollment Commission</b>       | <input type="checkbox"/> Removed-No Meeting |
| <b>C. Gaming Commission</b>           | <input type="checkbox"/> May 2017           |
| <b>D. Health Commission</b>           | <input type="checkbox"/> May 2017           |
| <b>E. Housing Commission</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted     |
| <b>F. Natural Resource Commission</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted     |
| <b>G. Commerce Commission</b>         | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted     |

Speaker Riley said they have the May 2017 Reports from the Binojeeuk Commission, the Gaming Commission and the Health Commission. Riley said they are accepting those and let it be known for the record.

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

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| <b>A. Elders Committee Minutes</b>                     | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| <b>B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> May 2017       |
| <b>C. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Riley said they have the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report and that has also been accepted for the record.

**VII. Old Business**

**Reports that are due:**

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| <b>A. Financial Report</b><br>April 2017   |
| <b>B. Elders Committee Minutes</b><br>March & April 2017                               |
| <b>C. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report</b><br>April 2017<br>May-December 2016 |

**Reports received:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> March 2017     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Riley said they have received the Financial Report for March 17 and let it be known for the record that has been accepted as well.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Authorizing Amendments to the Camping Regulation R-500-1:NRC-05 Regulation 5.02 Increasing Camping Fees for Gathering Grounds**  
The Natural Resource Commission has made recommendations to Tribal Council Resolution #14-0423-115 for adoption of amendments to Camping Regulations.

Speaker Riley called on Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said Boo Battice is here.

Speaker Riley asked Boo Battice if he would like to represent this item. Riley said Boo Battice is the Chair for their Natural Resource Commission.

Boo Battice, Natural Resource Commission Chairman, represented this agenda item. Battice said his name and Tribal #2644. Battice said this kind of a hurry and planned on working on it a little bit more but they wanted a little bit more income from when they open up here in a week so the first quickest thing they decided to do was just double it. Battice said not surprise people too much for the people that are coming and has stayed here before. Battice said they didn't want to.....want them to be surprised with the thing and not even stay so they doubled it so. Battice said just the word double is going to kind of off-set some people's brains that it has been doubled. Battice said this is just a start there is a lot of work with the campground and RV Park. Battice said they are going to be negotiating on raising it but they want to know numbers for the electricity costs but no one is there and the electricity is not going to run. Battice said if someone is there the electricity is going to run so.....and they got to know the numbers before they can really put too much hardship on people. Battice said so they just want to bring them in and he guessed that is a long discussion because what he would like to see is opening the doors to more people being able to access the site when it comes to, he believes, non-Tribal members to come in. Battice said he wants to open it up and maybe advertise more but they don't know any numbers yet so he wanted them as a commission about the best fastest way to get the doors open by the 28<sup>th</sup> he believed.

Councilor Di Piazza said 26<sup>th</sup>.

Boo Battice repeated 26<sup>th</sup>. Battice said let them just double it then they will work on it and it is going to be on the agenda for a while now because the RV Campground there is a lot to it. Battice said he is hoping everybody is satisfied but it will.....they are working on it and the commission is willing to work with all the information as possible. Battice thanked them. Battice said please.....he is requesting to not be too harsh as they got to work out the.....the holes as they get numbers.

Speaker Riley said Boo Battice said the rates has been doubled but what is the rate.

Boo Battice said the rate used to be \$10.00 a week and it is now \$20.00 a week. Battice said there is a lot of variables when it comes to electricity. Battice said he understands that it is not.....it is not competitive prices with the other RV Parks but also they have different guidelines to where he doesn't know.....he is not 100% sure if.....how limited they are on bringing more.....he doesn't know what their limitations are on non-Tribal members.

Speaker Riley said well this is actually specifically pertaining to the rates so they don't need to get into that discussion at this point. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said it used to be \$5.00 for tent and \$10.00 for self-contained camper basically it is just \$20.00 per site per week right this minute. Di Piazza said they decided and like Boo Battice said it is hard to calculate too much without any power consumption or how much it is going to cost to do things. Di Piazza said the price probably will go up again, it will go up again.

Speaker Riley recognized Ogema Romanelli and then Councilor Pete.

Ogema Romanelli said he just wanted to make sure that they at least are self-sustaining and he doesn't know the intent is to make a profit off from the Gathering Grounds or if it is at least self-sustaining. Romanelli said the reason he asks is because as they know they have a limited Budget and this he is looking at a beautiful site but they have more grass to cut and more bathrooms to take care of so they will have more maintenance costs. Romanelli said their Public Safety will have more camp sites to visit and so please make sure that they are entering those costs into figuring it in so that they are at least self-sustaining if nothing more. Romanelli said personally he doesn't think the \$20.00 a week is going to do that at this point and time so he is happy to hear that there is going to be more discussions but please keep those costs in mind.

Boo Battice said yes, his response to that is he is going to need to know numbers with each individual department to....as they are going to work and it is actually they don't want it to cost they want it to be self-sustaining and profit; that is a long discussion also because who are they profiting from.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, if he needs anything from the different departments please feel free to ask.

Boo Battice said yes and thanked the Ogema.

Speaker Riley said to Ogema Romanelli just to quickly answer part of his question. Riley said the electricity hasn't been hooked up yet to all the sites so they are not going to be sure on that for a while but they did get an estimate from the Utilities Department and they estimated the water & sewer around two cents per day per lot. Riley said so that is pretty negligible but he thinks the big costs is going to come from the lawn mowing, the maintenance of the site and the electricity so they will have more information \_\_\_ down the road. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete thanked him. Pete said he was actually going to bring up basically the same thing that the Ogema brought up. Pete said he would like to hope if they decide that when they are over there this summer while they are doing this and if



they are doing that.....their Maintenance Department especially the ones that cut the grass, whatever department it is that cuts the grass, it washes or cleans the restrooms, the paper products, all the things that is about the garbage pick-up, all these things cost money. Pete said so whatever it is like in terms of cutting grass how many times they do that, how many times are they going to be there to wash the restrooms and clean things up, the paper, is that stuff actually recorded and put down so they can do some kind of.....look at what this costs is going to be per site. Pete said he also thinks that it should be self-sustaining and he knows they had quite a little debate this week, he means \$20.00 a week to camp to him is not a huge amount of money, he means he doesn't think they can find a site now.....he is not a camper so he doesn't think they can find a site though for \$20.00 a week anywhere so. Pete said he just hopes they end up at the end of the day once everything is hooked up and once they had some time studies is that they can come and say this is how much money it costs them a week to maintain these campsites and then they can address it from there. Pete thanked Boo Battice.

Boo Battice thanked him. Battice said his response, yes, numbers and they plan on working on it for a while because progress is always on the agenda.

Speaker Riley thanked Boo Battice. Riley asked is there any further discussion on this item. Riley recognized Jay Sam.

Jay Sam said to Speaker Riley that he just like to remind the Council and he doesn't know if it is in the current regulations or the change of regulations but during Jiingtamok and Language Camp in the past even though there was a fee the campground was free to those who are participating in the events and he would like to request that they stay that way.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said the only thing that was changed in the document was the rate fee and the rest is still in place. Di Piazza said the Jiingtamok and Language Camp is free them days. Di Piazza said now whether that will change in the future he doesn't know.

Jay Sam said okay and thanked him.

Councilor Di Piazza said but for right now it is the same as it has been.

Speaker Riley said okay. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said if there are no further questions he would like to make a motion.

Speaker Riley said to Councilor Di Piazza that he had the floor.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0621-206;  
AMENDING RESOLUTION #14-0423-115; ADOPTING  
AMENDMENTS TO THE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION  
LAND USE/CAMPING REGULATIONS AND INCREASING  
CAMPING FEES FOR CAMPING AT THE GATHERING  
GROUNDS WHICH WILL BE \$20.00 PER WEEK PER SITE;** by Di  
Piazza; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and is there any further discussion on this item. 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 - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - No	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0621-206 has passed; eight in favor and one against.

**B. Authorizing Permanent Adoption of Amendments to Budget  
& Appropriations Act of 2013 #R100-01:AC-01**  
Updated purchasing limits for Tribal Leads and titles for employees.

Speaker Riley noted Item B has been postponed.

**C. Amending the Natural Resource Regulations-Chapter 1; Inland  
Fishing Regulations**  
The Natural Resource Commission and Tribal Council worked together to update the regulations to better meet the needs of the members and better protect the resource.

Speaker Riley asked Boo Battice if he would like to speak on this item for a little bit also.

Councilor Di Piazza said Boo Battice.

Boo Battice said this is kind of surprising.

Speaker Riley apologized to Boo Battice and guessed he doesn't really know what this is.

Boo Battice said yes, he is not sure where.....because they were going back and forth and they ended back at the original.

Speaker Riley said okay Councilor Di Piazza can.

Boo Battice thanked them.

Councilor Di Piazza said his apologies it is basically there were some typo errors like with the hand net and dip net were inverted and just needed to be swapped in the regulation. Di Piazza said also with the Sturgeon.....wait where is it 6408 it was basically in the.....what did he do. Di Piazza said in the reg that.....when they need to alter that for Black Lake and such that the count of the Sturgeon it could be a supplement so it is in the reg that they can supplement.....it would be like duck hunting when they.....the Feds have to put out the times and the dates in the regulation that is allowed for that so that the regulation doesn't have to be changed every time.

Speaker Riley said okay and recognized Shayne Machen.

Shayne Machen, Unified Legal Department Attorney, said also the entire document was renumbered so that they can have a consistent numbering in appearance throughout all the Natural Resource Regulations so all of the charts have been updated to reflect current territories which are open and closed based on changes in resolutions or regulations that happened since then. Machen said but most of these were posted for 30 days and the only ones that were not posted were the renumbering and the chart updates.

Speaker Riley thanked Shayne Machen.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was going to mention there was a problem finding the whole document in word so it had to be recreated which was a little time consuming and his gratitude to who assisted in that, extreme gratitude. Di Piazza said anyways there are not a whole lot of changes to it and where did the..... Di Piazza said he is missing something.....

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said if there are no further questions he will make the motion.

Speaker Riley said alright.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0621-207;  
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE NATURAL RESOURCE  
REGULATIONS-CHAPTER 1; INLAND FISHING  
REGULATIONS;** by Di Piazza; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain and are there any further discussion on this item. 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 - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0621-207 has passed.

**D. Resolution Amending Compensation for Tribal Court Judges**

The Tribal Council is authorized under Article VI, Section 4 (b) of the Constitution to establish the level of compensation for each Judge; provided that the compensation due to each individual Judge shall not be diminished during the term of his/her appointment. The Resolution #17-0517-174 passed to amend Compensation had a calculation for benefits contribution that was not available under the FEHB.

Speaker Riley said just to give a brief description this is not a change in or an increase in the compensation. Riley said it is to clarify how the benefits that were set-up through the previous one are administered. Riley said there are some limitations with FEHB, their health insurance program, that prevent them from them prorated at a quarter and a half rate so they are moving it to cover it in its entirety. Riley said so he guessed it is a small increase. Riley asked is there any further discussion or a motion on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-0621-208;  
AMENDING COMPENSATION FOR TRIBAL COURT JUDGES;  
by Pete; supported by Di Piazza.**

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

**Roll Call #7**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - No	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - No	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

Recorder Lewis confirmed Resolution #17-0621-208 has been approved; six in favor and three against.

**E. Consideration of Appointment of Teresa Wabsis to the Commerce Commission**

This appointment is for Seat #3 with term ending 9/20/17 plus new term beginning on the date of confirmation by Tribal Council and ending 9/20/21.

Speaker Riley said oh, he gets what it says now. Riley said he is looking for.....and asked the Ogema if he had anything on this item.

Ogema Romanelli said he just wanted to say as usual they are having a hard time getting people to step forward for appointments to different commissions for whatever reason. Romanelli said in this case he thinks they either have two or three vacancies on the Commerce Commission which is kind of rough so.....and they have two names that have stepped forward so those are what he is presenting. Romanelli said as always he would ask and he appreciates the people who are willing to step forward and put their names up for these important positions because all the commissions are important obviously but he would suggest as he always does to Council to please interview so that they have a better \_\_\_ too and he doesn't know if they had already interviewed or if not it is not a bad idea to do so. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked the Ogema. Riley recognized Recorder Lewis.

**MOTION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF TERESA WABSIS TO THE COMMERCE COMMISSION;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he is going to abstain.

Speaker Riley said okay Councilor Crampton is going to abstain. Riley asked is there any further discussion or questions on this item. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well he is abstaining because he doesn't know why this is happening because he thought that the Commerce Commission was going away when the EDC comes on. Crampton said so why are they stocking this when they knew they were letting it go through attrition because it was going to go away. Crampton asked why are they putting more people on and giving them a term when it is going to outlive the EDC.

Speaker Riley said because the Commerce Commission is still in existence and still a functioning commission until the EDC is in place which he doesn't think....he means the Ogema can answer that better. Riley said he means as far as the appointments and whatever.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, the anticipated timeline for the EDC coming to fruition is the end of the year or the first part of next year as always there is the chance that it could be going another two to three months after that depending on several factors so it is best to try and fill these positions in a short term anyway. Romanelli said the short-term can actually be one year or more then if for some reason the EDC gets held up. Romanelli said he means they have been working on the EDC for years so while he has confidence in it he thinks that it is best that they fill these positions until then.

Speaker Riley asked if there are any further discussion on the Appointment of Teresa Wabsis to the Commerce Commission.

Recorder Lewis said that motion was to confirm. Lewis said she just wanted to state that.

Speaker Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said he just has a question on this. Pete said with the EDC and the Commerce Commission so when the EDC comes on board, it's functional and staffed, it comes on board then does the Commerce Commission just like goes away.

Speaker Riley said that is the anticipated result because the EDC will be taking on the responsibilities of the Commerce Commission as well as others.

Councilor Pete said okay.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #8**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - No	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Abstain	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-1-1-0)

Recorder Lewis said the motion has been approved for the Appointment of Teresa Wabsis confirmation to the Commerce Commission.

**F. Consideration of Appointment of John Pabami to the Commerce Commission**

This is appoint is for Seat #1 with a term ending 9/20/19.

Speaker Riley asked are there any questions or motion. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete said if there are no questions he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO CONFIRM JOHN PABAMI FOR SEAT #1 ON THE  
COMMERCE COMMISSION;** by Pete; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Councilor Di Piazza said he has a question.

Speaker Riley said he has Councilor Crampton abstaining. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said his question would be for the candidate. Di Piazza asked John Pabami if has any problem being a Secretary or doing what needs to be done to fulfill obligations.

John Pabami said no he doesn't.

Speaker Riley asked if there are any other questions for Mr. John Pabami. Riley recognized Councilor Pete.

Councilor Pete apologized but was going.....

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #9**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - No	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Abstain	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-1-1-0)

Recorder Lewis said the confirmation of Appointment to the Commerce Commission for Johnny Pabami has been approved.

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 28, 2017**

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

Speaker Riley said at this point he will hand the meeting over to their Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said it is his belief that.....first congratulations to the newest Commissioner for Commerce and he appreciates him stepping forward. Romanelli said he also wanted to say that the Gathering Grounds is due to open and they are ready to go he thinks in a day or two. Romanelli said he thinks they already had the discussion on the 23<sup>rd</sup> so.

Councilor Di Piazza said that was kicked to the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Speaker Riley agreed 26<sup>th</sup>, yeah.

Ogema Romanelli said did they?

Councilor Di Piazza said yes.

Councilor Friedel said this Sunday.

Councilor Pete said that would be Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Ogema Romanelli said alright that's good well then cancel what he just said, the 26<sup>th</sup> it is. Romanelli said which leads him to his next point. Romanelli said if he could have he thinks and appreciates this Council coming together next Tuesday to talk about their Budget and some of the pending issues, he really does appreciate that. Romanelli thanked Council for clearing their schedules. Romanelli said he would like to talk a little bit later and in between now and then about communications between Council and Ogema and see if they can't tighten those up just a little bit. Romanelli said he wanted to thank Senator Peters Office for coming in today and he thinks it was a good session this morning. Romanelli said other than that he doesn't think he has anything else unless there are questions for him.

Speaker Riley thanked the Ogema.

Councilor Lonn asked the Ogema if he wanted to give a little update on the Bike Time maybe.

Ogema Romanelli said the Bike Time, yes, they held a meeting he thinks it was last week, apologies, his days all run together. Romanelli said they are going to participate with Bike Time. Romanelli said they are going to have two tents as they did last year, one for the Resort and one for the government. Romanelli said same size tents and it has now moved from their property this year down to the Hot Rod Harley Parking Lot which is at the end of Western Avenue. Romanelli said what has happened is they combined the two entities. Romanelli said remember they had a Rebel Road and Bike Time, they decided to work together and so they will be set-up there and it is basically a three day event, really, and so they are geared up for it. Romanelli said they met with Clyde Whitehouse from Hot Rod Harley or Bike Time last week and he filled in the details. Romanelli said they are going to give away some Give-A-Ways. Romanelli said it is a good place to be on that weekend he thinks they get a lot of good returns from it. Romanelli said they also have their Marketing people who will be there collecting names and they get hundreds of names he is assuming no different to support their Muskegon Project along with that they will hand out information on their Aaya Project or their 300 Odeno Project. Romanelli said they are going to have some



people there represented too so they are going to get a lot of information out in those two to three days. Romanelli said he knows that if anybody has been to the last one that was at their property it is going to be three times or four times as big now. Romanelli said they usually get 100,000 people through there and so it is a good market to hit.

Speaker Riley said okay any further questions at this point.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Riley thanked Ogema Romanelli.

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

Speaker Riley said at this point does anybody from the Council have anything to share. Riley recognized Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said he doesn't know if it is Legislative but today at 3:00 they will have an Eagle Staff Meeting. Di Piazza said feel free to come on by. Di Piazza reiterated that it is at 3:00 today and is just a discussion on where do they want to go next. Di Piazza said what and where.

Speaker Riley thanked Councilor Di Piazza. Riley recognized Councilor Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah on May 4<sup>th</sup> this year the Affordable Healthcare Act was passed and immediately called for \$800 billion in cuts then President Trump released his Skinny Budget which called for another \$610 billion to be cut. Crampton said this will directly impact the Medicaid Expansion Plan which most Tribes utilize and it looks like a direct assault on Native Americans. Crampton said everything is looking at everything being cut from Native Americans and if this is allowed to happen this is horrible. Crampton said last year 212 million people went to IHS he thinks 67,000 were recipients of the Medicaid Expansion. Crampton reiterated this absolutely horrible. Crampton said the intent that he sees coming out of Washington is not good for Native Americans. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Riley said okay anybody else.

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

Speaker Riley asked does anybody from the floor have any comments. Riley recognized Boo Battice.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he just like to thank all of them for him not having all the information ready. Battice thanked Councilor Di Piazza for bringing it up and thanks for dealing with him.

Councilor Di Piazza thanked Boo Battice for what he has been doing.

Speaker Riley said yes, and thanked Boo Battice. Riley said alright at this point they will be going 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 10:42.

**MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:42;** by Lewis; supported by Di Piazza.

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

**Roll Call #10**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - No	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

**XI. Open Session**

The Council reconvened in Open Session and the time was not noted.

**MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN;** by Medacco; supported by Pete.

**Roll Call #11**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said they are in open.

Speaker Riley asked do they have any items to move from closed to open.

Recorder Lewis responded no.

Speaker Riley asked not the one.....the resolution for C.2.

Recorder Lewis said oh, yeah. Lewis asked what was the number do they remember.

Councilor Medacco asked which one the top one or the bottom one.

Speaker Riley said just say C.2.

Recorder Lewis asked C.2.

Speaker Riley said yeah, just say the resolution for C.2 and she should be good.

**A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION C.2 FROM CLOSED IS GOING INTO OPEN; by Lewis; supported by Medacco.**

Speaker Riley asked if anybody was going to abstain. Riley asked what was that. Riley asked did he get that wrong and he is looking at him.....what.

Councilor Medacco said Councilor Friedel supported that.

Speaker Riley said okay support from Councilor Friedel. Riley repeated is anybody going to abstain. Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #12**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Lewis said okay C.2 is moved into open.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 17-0621-210, RATIFICATION OF VIDEO CONFERENCING CONTRACT; by DiPiazza; supported by Friedel.**

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

**Roll Call #C-4**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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

Speaker Riley said okay he is looking for a motion to adjourn at 11:17.

**XII. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:17;** by Medacco; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Riley asked Recorder Lewis to do a roll call.

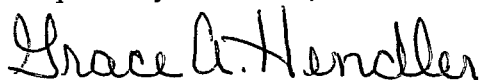
**Roll Call #13**

J. Riley - Yes	J. Friedel - No	F. Medacco - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Abstain	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (7-1-1-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Sandra Lewis,  
Tribal Council Recorder