

**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on June 22, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Kareen Lewis, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer. Lewis greeted everyone and stated her name and where she lived in Anishinaabemowin.

I want to give my thanks today for receiving this gift of sema and being asked to say a prayer on behalf of our Tribe and our Elected Officials to be able to do the work that they are doing.

I ask the Creator to bless us all here and watch over us in our minds and in our hearts to be able to do the best that we can for decisions that we make for ourselves and our future generations.

I ask that everyone in our Tribe be blessed with clean water, healthy food to eat, safe place to live, and love in their life.

With that I wish you all a good day and a good meeting.

Miigwech.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

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

**B. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

Others Present: Elaine Porter, Chuck Fisher, Charles Shaw, Diane Lonn, Steve Parsons, Martha Howell, Tom St. Dennis, Kenny Pheasant, Jennifer Crampton,

Bill Willis, Frank Figgels, Jason Cross, Darleen Martin, Steve Wheeler, Julie Wolfe, Marcella Leusby, Stacy Conner, Stella Whitepigeon.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Szpliet, Rebecca Liebing, Shayne Machen, Jason Holguin, Frank Beaver, Jamie Friedel, Jim Derouin.

Speaker Johnson said at this point for the people attending in the audience Councilor Burger is on vacation and he hopes she is having a wonderful time.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS; UNDER B.3, IN-KIND MATCH IS ADDED INSTEAD OF CASH MATCH; VIII B, UNDER NEW BUSINESS IS GOING TO BE POSTPONED; UNDER CLOSED, C.4 IS POSTPONED ALSO;** by Di Piazza; supported by Riley.

Speaker Johnson said the In-kind match is under B.2 and not B.3. Johnson asked Recorder Riley if he is still supporting it. Johnson said it is open for discussion and asked if anybody was going to abstain. Johnson reiterated again that it was open for discussion.

**Roll Call #1**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed that the agenda is approved.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes  6/8/16  6/17/16**

**MOVE TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 6/8/16 AND 6/17/16;** by Riley; supported by Lewis.

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

**Roll Call #2**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed that the minutes are accepted.

### III. Continuing Business

#### A. Grants & Contracts

##### 1. Approval of grant submission to the U.S Department of Agriculture under the FY2016 Value Added Producer Grant funding from Rural Development in the amount not to exceed \$75,000

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is working to pursue Tribal Economic Development through Agriculture Solutions and has the capacity to plan, develop and manage related efforts as well as provide long-term sustainability through on-going economic and community development activities through the Commerce Department and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

Chuck Fisher, from the Grants Department, represented this agenda item. Fisher said this is a grant application to the USDA and is for Value Added Producer Grant Initiative that they have sponsored. Fisher said they are looking at making an application for \$75,000 and there would be a match involved, a one to one match, the Tribe would be obligated to match their funding of \$75,000 with \$75,000 of their own. Fisher said they have that worked out where that can be accomplished in in-kind so essentially or effectively there is no match. Fisher said the application itself is agriculturally has an agricultural focus and is linked to some efforts that the Tribe is involved with in the background that are related. Fisher said some of the things that they are going to accomplish with the project include the development of a Marketing and Business Plan for some value added products as well analyzing the economic viability related there too, product related. Fisher said the determination or at least the projection of the productions needs and costs that are involved with production such as how LRBOI Branding can be accomplished. Fisher said a kind of prioritization of the products in terms of bringing things forward for a period of time as well as options for other product development and further on out determinations of capital outlay building needs, production requirements and other business related considerations that would be involved as things get fully blow out. Fisher said as well as guidance to the Tribe in terms of achieving and 8A Certification Status that would kind of lay the ground work for federal contracting in the near future and more distant future as well. Fisher said that will not only be for the Tribe but for Tribal members as well.

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0622-176; APPROVAL OF A GRANT SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE FY2016 VALUE ADDED PRODUCER;** by Riley.

*The resolution number was discussed by Tribal Council and it was confirmed it was Resolution #16-0622-175.*

**MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0622-175; APPROVAL OF A GRANT SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE FY2016 VALUE ADDED PRODUCER GRANT (VAPG) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00 TO EXPLORE, PLAN AND PURSUE TRIBAL AND TRIBAL MEMBER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH AGRICULTURE OPPORTUNITIES;** by Riley; supported by Wabindato.

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

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0622-175 passes.

Chuck Fisher thanked them. Fisher said before he leaves he wanted to say this was going to be a paper submission and he hasn't done one in a long time and it is going to go out July the first which is the revised deadline.

**B. Budget Modifications**

- 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-Administration for Children and Families and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-\_\_ for Program #4295-2016 CWSS Title IV-B Subpart #1 in the amount of \$2,438**  
 The Tribe has received a new award that will go into GL #5204-Client Services.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, and Jason Cross, Director of Family Services, represented this agenda item. Willis said the item at hand is additional funds that the Tribe has received through the Department of Health and Human Services. Willis said they have an existing program under this particular component area which is Child Welfare Social Services. Willis said that particular program expires in September of this year. Willis said this new money will cover up to September of 2017. Willis said they had this program for a number of years, at least three years that he is aware of. Willis said Jason Cross is here to talk about any particulars related to the program. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0622-176;  
 ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE  
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-  
 ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND  
 APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET  
 MB-2016-25 FOR PROGRAM #4295-2016 CWSS TITLE IV-B  
 SUBPART #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,438; by Medacco; supported  
 by Di Piazza.**

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

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0622-176 passes.

2. **Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-\_\_ in the amount of \$15,000**  
 The Tribe has received additional funding that also includes a Tribal Cash Match for \$3,130.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said Item B.2 is additional they received from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Performance Partnership Grant. Willis said these funds as he indicated Monday in Agenda Review are scheduled to expire September of this year. Willis said they are confident they will spend the funds down by then and they do anticipate getting new program funds for the next fiscal year prior to that. Willis said once again they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0622-177;  
 ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-PERFORMANCE  
 PARTNERSHIP GRANT (PPG) AND APPROVING A  
 MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-26 IN  
 THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.**

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

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0622-177 passes.

**3. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Government to Government (G2G) IRR Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-\_\_ in the amount of \$463,490**

The Tribe has received a modification for the IRR Program.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said these are Government to Government Indian Reservation Roads Funds, Program Funds that they just need to accept into the Budget. Willis said Steve Parsons is in attendance to answer any specific questions related to the funding. Willis said the funding is being split between Construction and Planning related activities. Willis said it is \$463,490.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0622-178;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-GOVERNMENT TO  
GOVERNMENT (G2G) IRR PROGRAM AND APPROVING A  
MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-27 IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$463,490; by Medacco; supported by Riley.**

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

Councilor Di Piazza asked if the funds were earmarked for anything.

Bill Willis answered no they are just budgeted in a kind of General Construction. Willis said he doesn't know if they are earmarked for any particular project. Willis said Steve Parsons would be able to speak to that.

Steve Parsons, Planning Department, said the funds are not specifically earmarked for anything. Parsons said the projects that they have listed on their Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) are the Construction Projects that they have for the next three or four years. Parsons said the 2% Planning is mandated by the Compact that they have with the Bureau of Indian Affairs so there is a 2% of whatever the funding amount is that gets set aside and put into planning dollars that they use for various kinds of planning activities so there is not specific

earmarks but the Transportation Improvement Plan will give them an idea of what the Construction Projects are that they committed to. Parsons said hopefully that answers Councilor Di Piazza's question.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion. Johnson said to Steve Parsons a quick question in regards to when he first came on Council he thought the numbers that the road, on this specific issue, was less than a \$100,000.

Steve Parsons said Councilor Johnson means as far as the allocation amount.

Speaker Johnson replied yes.

Steve Parsons said his understanding of the history of that is for quite a long time their allocation were relatively small and they were primarily because at the time, although that has changed somewhat, the BIA was basing the allocation on the number of miles that they had in their Road Inventory. Parsons said there were a couple of efforts one in 2008 and one in 2011 where they worked with what was called Russell Clark at the time but is now called RCA which is a firm out of Traverse City who has some familiarity with this process who helped them catalog and develop their inventory to include a larger number of overall road miles. Parsons said that helped them for a short time because their allocations went up because the road mileage went up. Parsons said unfortunately what happened is in 2012 with the passage of what they call the MAP 21 which is the Federal Highway legislation at the time there was a rather convoluted and somewhat mysterious formula that was put forward for Tribal Allocations and in essence without going into too much detail what that did was it advantaged the Western Tribes in the United States who had larger identifiable populations and larger number of road miles in their inventory and disadvantaged the Eastern Tribes who had more difficult times identifying their populations according to the U.S. Census, which is what they were using at the time, and had smaller generally speaking smaller road inventories. Parsons said even though they managed to increase their amount of the allocations they receive for maybe a two to three period beginning in 2012 that number started to go back down because again with the new formula coming into play and the fact that they were somewhat disadvantaged by that process began to take effect a few years ago and in essence what he can say to kind of wrap this up is between now and 2020 they are kind of stuck with it because when they passed the new Federal Highway Legislation last December called the FAST Act they were so concerned, he means the Congress were so concerned of getting the Bill through, they did next to nothing on terms of evaluating the process by which Tribes were allocated funds and just rolled over the MAP 21 Process into the FAST Act. Parsons said the only opportunity to try and get this fixed will come again anticipated in 2020 when the Federal Highway Legislation will once again be up for approval. Parsons said that is probably more than they wanted to know and he apologizes for that. Parsons said it is an interesting process but also very frustrating because of the way it impacts them and also the fact that they are going to be stuck with it for a while.

Speaker Johnson said Steve Parsons answered his question certainly and he appreciates it. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

**Roll Call #6**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0622-178 is passed.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

1. **Approval for Speaker Johnson and Councilor Medacco to attend the Partners in Action Conference on July 19-21, 2016**  
 The Partners In Action Conference will take place at the Kewadin Casino & Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

**MOTION TO APPROVE FOR SPEAKER JOHNSON AND COUNCILOR MEDACCO TO ATTEND THE PARTNERS IN ACTION CONFERENCE ON JULY 19-21, 2016;** by Riley; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Councilor Medacco said he will be.

Speaker Johnson said he will also and that it was open for discussion.

**Roll Call #7**

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

Motion carried (6-0-2-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed that the motion passes.

**IV. Acceptance of Reports**

**A. Report of the Tribal Ogema**

1. **Operations Report**  None Submitted
2. **Financial Report**  None Submitted

Speaker Johnson noted in Section IV they do not have anything in regards to Operations or Financial at this point.



- V. Acceptance of Commission Reports**
- A. Binojeeuk Commission**  **May 2016**
  - B. Enrollment Commission**  **May 2016**
  - C. Gaming Commission**  **May 2016**
  - D. Health Commission**  **None Submitted**
  - E. Housing Commission**  **None Submitted**
  - F. Natural Resource Commission**  **May 2016**
  - G. Commerce Commission**  **None Submitted**

Speaker Johnson noted they have the Binojeeuk, Enrollment, Gaming and Natural Resource Commissions. Johnson asked the Recorder if there are any action items in those reports that they need to follow-up on.

Recorder Riley replied nope.

Speaker Johnson said with that said let it be noted to the membership that they have accepted these reports and they will be filed.

- VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities**
- A. Elders Committee Minutes**  **May 2016**
  - B. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report**  **May 2016**
  - C. LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report**  **None Submitted**

Speaker Johnson noted they have the Elder's Committee Minutes and the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for May. Johnson asked the Recorder if there are any action items in these two reports.

Recorder Riley replied no.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was anything they needed to share with the membership on it because they should have that available to them. Johnson said let it be known since there is nothing for them to act on they will be filed in their inventory. Johnson said they do not have the Tribal Government Preference Report at this point.

- VII. Old Business**
- A. Financial Report**  **None Submitted**

Speaker Johnson noted that they still have not received the Financial Report.

- B. Natural Resource Commission**
  - February 2016**
  - March 2016**
  - April 2016**

Speaker Johnson noted moving into the Natural Resource Commission Reports they have the reports for February, March and April. Johnson said there is one

action item and they will that later in the Council's Agenda about the Elk. Johnson asked the Recorder if there are any other action items they need to act on from those reports.

Recorder Riley responded no.

Councilor Di Piazza said he would like to mention that all the minutes are caught up for the Natural Resource Commission.

Speaker Johnson thanked Councilor Di Piazza. Johnson said with that said let it be known that the Natural Resource Commission Reports will be filed with the Tribal Government.

**C. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report □ April 2016**

Speaker Johnson asked they have received the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report for April. Johnson asked the Recorder if there are any action that they need to do on this item.

Recorder Riley said nope.

Speaker Johnson said with that said let it be noted that they have received the report and that it will be filed along with the other reports.

**D. Consideration of Appointment of Jim Wabindato to the Board of Directors**

This appointment is for Seat #7. This item was postponed at the 6/8/16 Tribal Council Meeting pending completion of a background investigation.

**MOTION TO CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF JIM WABINDATO TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE FOLLOWING CAVEANCE BE ADDED PENDING PASSING A BACKGROUND CHECK AND RECEIVING A GAMING LICENSE;** by Di Piazza; supported by Wabindato.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Councilor Crampton said so they don't have a background check.

Ogema Romanelli replied that the background check is not back yet.

Councilor Crampton said he will be abstaining then.

Speaker Johnson said that it was open for discussion.

Councilor Medacco said he thought last time when this on the agenda that they were holding off until they receive the background check. Medacco said that was discussed last time at the Council Meeting.

Speaker Johnson said he will get Julie Wolfe then Councilor Crampton.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, said she don't believe that the individual is here to represent either. Wolfe said she knows that is kind of a standard they are practicing and they encourage them to come to be here for questions from either them or the community. Wolfe said she knows they do their due diligence in the interview and she just wanted that noted for the record. Wolfe asked if this was the Jim Wabindato that previously sat on the Board of Directors and was he removed or just not replaced or didn't apply the second time. Wolfe reiterated if he did sit on the Board of Directors before for them like in 2002.

Ogema Romanelli replied yes that is the same Jim Wabindato and he did not re-apply at that time.

Julie Wolfe said okay so he was not removed by their By-Laws or other Commissioners but he just finished his term and didn't return or didn't re-apply.

Ogema Romanelli said right he didn't re-apply.

Speaker Johnson said not quite because he was on Council when this happened. Johnson said his seat was re-expired and he did re-apply at that time but Council didn't vote him to take over that seat. Johnson said he remembers that was four to five vote on him to come back on the seat. Johnson said that was about eight years ago or six years ago.

Ogema Romanelli said his apologies.

Julie Wolfe thanked them for the clarification.

Councilor Crampton said his reasons for abstaining and he knows they don't have to explain it but he is going to explain it anyway is they followed this process before and they kept members who applied for other commissions from being appointed because they didn't have a background check. Crampton said they used that excuse several times so he.....this is just.....it doesn't sit well with him.

Councilor Lewis said she will have to abstain on this vote.

Speaker Johnson asked Councilor Lewis if she was going to abstain. Johnson reiterated that Councilor Lewis is going to abstain on this vote. Johnson said he sees Councilor Wittenberg and then Diane Lonn.

Councilor Wittenberg said he will abstain also on this.

Speaker Johnson said they have three abstaining.

Diane Lonn, Tribal #0194, said she thought when she sat through the last time with the last person that they put on the Board of Directors, her background check was not in place as well but yet they passed it but now they are doing it just the opposite. Lonn said her other question is Jim Wabindato's been on the Board already then he already has a background check done and she understands \_\_\_ the last person the lady that they put on they never had a background check then and they still passed it so she is confused. Lonn said yes it was.

Speaker Johnson said he has three hands. Johnson said he has Councilor Medacco, Recorder Riley and the Ogema.

Councilor Medacco said with the last one they didn't appoint because they were pending an interview with her and it wasn't a background check it was pending an interview.

Diane Lonn said they still passed it.

Councilor Medacco said no they did not. Medacco said they had their interview then the following week they approved her.

Recorder Riley said yes they did have an interview but the last appointment was actually at the same step they are at now where the application was into the Gaming Commission and it hadn't been completely approved yet so that's where.....their last appointment was they had gone in and filled out their paperwork, handed it in, and that is where this one is also at.

Ogema Romanelli said he has no confirmation of the last Board appointment doing so before the background check was in and he has been trying to find that out too. Romanelli said it does appear that at some time the person was placed on pending a background check being given approval however he don't believe it was on the Board of Directors so there may be a little confusion there and he may not be right in that either but he thought they were going to last week just wait until the background check came back which was what the understanding was. Romanelli said the only caution he has with that is in some of these.....the reason they have background checks is because these are very important commissions. Romanelli said if it ever comes to a point whereas they have a need for a quorum it could be a problem but in this case he doesn't think that is it this time.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, said just one more factor to consider it was the Board of Directors that they appointed a non-Tribal member and then removed her and replaced her with a Tribal member.

Ogema Romanelli said he didn't believe that ever happened.

Recorder Riley said no.

Ogema Romanelli said on the Board of Directors.

Julie Wolfe asked Caroline La Porte. Wolfe asked what was she appointed to and then removed, what commission.

Councilor Crampton said they approved her then it was found out later that she wasn't eligible because she wasn't a Tribal member.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Julie Wolfe said she would just say being that they already had that once they take precaution on this one and she agrees with postponing until the background check is complete.

Speaker Johnson said he has a motion in place supported. Johnson said it is open for discussion.

**Roll Call #8**

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

Motion carried (3-2-3-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed that the motion passes.

Councilor Crampton said no the motion doesn't pass.

Recorder Riley said there is a majority for.

Speaker Johnson said the motion does pass. Johnson said before they interrupt let him explain to Councilor Crampton what it is an abstention is not a vote in this case.

Councilor Crampton said it is a no.

Speaker Johnson said it is not a no but a neutral vote so it goes by majority vote of yes and no. Johnson said so there is a majority yes over no so it passes.

*Councilor Crampton made a comment but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording before Speaker Johnson spoke.*

Speaker Johnson said to Councilor Crampton that he can get a legal review on this.

Councilor Crampton responded please do.

Speaker Johnson said he is surprised Steve Parsons isn't here because he could ask him very quickly. Johnson explained the only time an abstention really counts is when they need a super majority vote and that is when they have to have in this case seven yes or seven no on a super majority. Johnson said an abstention they can't count that yes or no so what happens is if they don't have the super majority and they have an abstained and they have two yes or he means six yes and one no and two abstentions they don't have the majority vote to get that super majority. Johnson said that is where it applies. Johnson said they will wait until they get a ruling from Legal on this item and asked if it was permissible to move forward and come back. Johnson answered probably not. Johnson said okay here they go. Johnson said the vote has taken place, okay, they will get a definition of what has happened on that vote but they will continue their business then they will come back to the membership to let them know what the ruling on that is.

**MOVE TO SUSPEND THE RULES SO THEY CAN CONTINUE  
ON AND COME BACK TO THIS;** by Riley; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain on the suspension of the rules and that it was open for discussion.

**Roll Call #9**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed that the rules are suspended.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Adoption of the 2016 Tribal Elk Regulations to include Number of Permits available to Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Members**  
The Natural Resource Commission approved the 2016 Elk Regulations on June 13, 2016. The Regulations require the approval of Tribal Council.

Councilor Di Piazza explained this is just to approve the number of Elk this year which is four and there will be two antlerless and two of either gender. Di Piazza said the Elk Draw happened last Monday so this is just to approve the regulations and keep them online.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0622-179; ADOPTION OF THE 2016 TRIBAL ELK REGULATION TO INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF PERMITS AVAILABLE TO LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL MEMBERS;** by Di Piazza; supported by Wabindato.

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

**Roll Call #10**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Riley confirmed Resolution #16-0622-179 passes.

**B. Approval to Renew Existing Policies for General Insurance Coverage for Tribal Government, Trading Post, Muskegon Gaming Development**

This is renewal of existing insurance policies for general property, casualty, theft, work comp, etc. This coverage is administered by the Stephen H. Madigan, LLC, Insurance Agency.

Speaker Johnson asked if they postponed B.

Recorder Riley said he had gotten an e-mail from Steve Wheeler before the meeting saying it wasn't ready yet.

Steve Wheeler, CFO, said he can explain briefly. Wheeler said he submitted the Agenda Request and resolution in anticipation of receiving their Insurance Renewal documents so they could be on this meeting. Wheeler said he has not yet received those from their agent but he will have them by next Wednesday's Meeting. Wheeler reiterated that he submitted the information as a placeholder thinking he would have it by now but he has not yet received them.

Speaker Johnson asked this item has been postponed then. Johnson said he didn't catch that when it was done.

Recorder Riley said it was done when they approved the agenda.

Speaker Johnson said okay he didn't hear it for some reason.

**IX. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, June 28, 2016**

## **B. Ogeema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Ogeema Romanelli said they have their regularly scheduled Financial Audits going on at this time which Steve Wheeler is aware of and have just started and in the middle of. Romanelli reiterated that this was just a regularly scheduled Financial Audit here at the Government. Romanelli said Bike Time is happening again this year and is scheduled for he believed 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> whatever weekend that is and is coming up in just three weeks. Romanelli said it looks to be a better event than last year by all indications that is coming up. Romanelli said they started work on their 2017 Budget for the Government and they already have a Budget Meeting scheduled with the membership in the.....he thinks it is the 8<sup>th</sup> of August and should have gotten that number down but it is in line with the Elders Meeting that has already been scheduled. Romanelli said they are beefing up their recognition of the Tribe's positive effects in the communities both in Manistee and Muskegon along with the surrounding communities as well as far as jobs as far as donations as far as commitment not only to Tribal members but to the local communities. Romanelli said there are a lot of things that they do that they are trying to get recognition for. Romanelli said the only other thing that he has is that they had a concern brought to him regarding the 90 Day Waiting Period for re-hire of people who are termed and it was brought to this attention and he doesn't know if they bring it up here or during Public Comment or.....it was just brought to his attention that it may not be being applied appropriately or on a regular systemic method. Romanelli said he thinks it involves mainly the Resort so he doesn't know if this is the appropriate place for it but just wanted to recognize that it has been brought to his attention and they can handle it anyway the Council desires.

Speaker Johnson said he has Julie Wolfe and he has a lady here that he doesn't recognize, Stacy Conner, that is next then Councilor Crampton.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, said she just has a general questions in the Business Updates and she doesn't know if they want to make a decision on this 90 Day Re-hire Decision so she can defer to them because she has other questions.

Speaker Johnson asked if that is what Stacy Conner wanted to question on the 90 Day Hire. Johnson said okay then he would invite her to come up next and then he will have Councilor Crampton because he wanted to respond also on the 90 Day Hire.

Stacy Conner, Tribal #3633, said she just wanted to address the new ordinance because it is being interpreted at Human Resources here in the Government Center one way and being interpreted at the casino in another way which she understands is totally legit and is possible but it is not clear cut or black and white. Conner said right now it appears that it can be applied on case by case basis and there is too much left in the open. Conner said she is an at-will employee and fired seven days before she got her benefits but she wasn't fired for any disciplinary action whatsoever. Conner said as she was informed by someone



who she won't state that doesn't apply to her but yet she got a letter from them stating that she is not allowed to re-apply until July 5<sup>th</sup> after.....during her termination which this is April 6<sup>th</sup> so it was before the ordinance was adopted. Conner said she was told by Human Resources there that she didn't even have to wait 30 days to re-apply due to my termination due to no apparent reason. Conner said she just wanted to make sure, she means if they read the Gaming Ordinance, it states that the Tribal Council in exercise of "*its inherent sovereign power to enact ordinances regulate the commercial enterprises of the Tribe and otherwise safe guard and provide for the health safety and welfare of the members of the Tribe and to promote, protect, and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and its members*" and this is the Gaming Ordinance. Conner said this is not helping them in any situation to.....even if someone was terminated say because they don't have a babysitter they have.....they get ten points. Conner said 90 days is a long time because it takes about three months to get a job at that casino. Conner said they have to go through their Orientation and all of that it takes about three months so that is six months they are putting their members without a job. Conner said she is hurting and hurting very badly right now due to this ordinance. Conner said she can't even get a job and that is if there is a job they can apply for that is even available at the end of their 90 days. Conner said she would just like to request that they take into consideration and that they could possibly do an emergency amendment for a lot of other Tribal members that have recently been terminated as well so that don't have to wait this 90 days and she does understand the repeat.....the people that are repeatedly going in and out the gate, in and out the gate. Conner said she understands that this was possibly a safe guard for that but she thinks it needs to be amended a bit and looked into a little deeper and possibly more black and white, who does this apply to, when does it apply because it doesn't say it is retroactive. Conner said in her opinion she shouldn't have been allowed to apply anyhow because it doesn't state that so she just thinks it needs to be cleared up a bit if they could.

Councilor Crampton said he was just going to suggest that they look into the factors that goes into this because this is the first time he is hearing about this and obviously the Ogema has heard about this. Crampton asked if any other Council member heard about this. Crampton said if they haven't been formally been informed as a Council so he thinks this is just kind of an odd spot to do this where the membership expects them to have the answers and they don't even know the circumstances yet.

Speaker Johnson said they are going to still focus on this issue. Johnson said he has the Recorder and the Ogema.

Recorder Riley said he just wanted to point that the interpretation is the same because their same Legal Department is offering their opinions to both their Human Resources and the Resort's Human Resources. Riley said each of their attorneys is assigned to a different area within the organization.

Ogema Romanelli said right and he knows they don't get into personnel issues but they do get into ordinances, etc. Romanelli said the issue was brought to him just he believed yesterday or maybe the day before so this was the first he had a chance to really talk to Council about it and he thinks that in all fairness, yeah, they can look at it and see if there is anything that can be tweaked or if it is just a misunderstanding from one of the Human Resource or both of the Human Resource Departments as to how to interpret that ordinance and what it means. Romanelli said again he agrees with Recorder Riley he thinks the ruling is for both Human Resources and didn't think there was one for the government and one for the Resort.

Speaker Johnson said he is glad that Recorder Riley brought that to everybody's attention. Johnson said they have one Legal Department that gives interpretation for both entities. Johnson said what he would like to do though to help their members out is to have a private meeting because this is a personnel issue and they can't have a standard work session on this is to have the two Human Resource Departments present and they will have a private meeting and discussion on this to make sure they are consistent in how they apply these rules and so forth. Johnson said they will move it in that direction. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, said she didn't declare earlier that she was on PTO but she has been on PTO since 10:15 when she walked in. Wolfe said so a couple of questions in the Business Update. Wolfe asked if there was a posting for the Public Affairs Director because it seems to her they are getting pretty close to the 90 days written out of the Budget if not filled or have they asked for an extension.

Ogema Romanelli replied no the decision has been made to post it so Human Resource has been given the directive to post that position.

Julie Wolfe said so it will be filled. Wolfe said another thing is \$10,000 missing from the payment in lieu of taxes because in the newspaper the check is written in numbers for \$710,408 and the newspaper says \$10,410 and actual check which she knows is just for fun \$700,408 so they are really missing their Public Affairs Department in this big spread that is in the front and on the inside and on the news flash. Wolfe said to Ogema Romanelli that she is sure that he is aware of that.

Ogema Romanelli said yes and Recorder Riley if he wanted to answer that.

Recorder Riley said the real check the little one was for 710 and that was just an error on the big one.

Julie Wolfe said just due diligence because that makes them look kind of really silly as a Nation. Wolfe said to Ogema Romanelli another question are they scheduling, she hasn't seen anything, or did she miss the presentation for Tribal members about the Education, Daycare Youth Center. Wolfe said she had asked

about it when it first came aboard when they did the Education Day for the outside agencies that may benefit from it but she hasn't seen anything or did she miss it or did they have one.

Ogema Romanelli asked Julie Wolfe is she could check with.....or he can check with Jason Cross to see because he believed there is something being presented over at the Interim Casino here shortly that she might want to be.....

Julie Wolfe asked if that will be a Public Meeting for Tribal members.

Ogema Romanelli said he believed that is a Public Meeting, yes.

Julie Wolfe said she does see and follow on the agenda that they have received some initial funding or are about to receive some because mainstream media has it already pressed that they are in stages of going.

Ogema Romanelli said to Julie Wolfe that she might want to attend that meeting and would suggest that she call Jason Cross.

Julie Wolfe said she would have to know that it is happening to attend. Wolfe said another question they just did supplemental appropriation to the Trading Post and part of the reasoning was do they enjoy the \$2.99 sandwich and asked if anybody has the reason or can they explain to her why the increase of the \$1.00 on the \$2.99 sandwich happened because when they appropriated the \$100,000 to keep the door open through the end of 2016 that was one of the Ogema's reasonings behind, outside of the taxes and other benefits, was did they enjoy the \$2.99 sandwich for lunch but it is increased.

Ogema Romanelli said no he doesn't believe he promoted a \$2.99 sandwich.

Julie Wolfe said sorry for that.

Ogema Romanelli said he did have a problem with the \$2.99 sandwich because while it is a good deal in his opinion it is too good of a deal.

Julie Wolfe said they don't have one now they have \$3.99.

Ogema Romanelli said that is a little bit better and more in line for the quality of the sandwich and the price he thinks that is more in line personally.

Julie Wolfe asked if they had any feedback or update on the residents of Flint that they helped out and accessed with the supplemental appropriation of \$5,000 in the Family Services Line Item. Wolfe said there were 34 families that possibly could get some services. Wolfe asked if they rendered services there that used.

Ogema Romanelli said he hasn't heard back and thinks that was a Council donation to assist the Tribal members that live in that county.

Julie Wolfe said it was a supplemental appropriation in the line item and the Budget.

Ogema Romanelli said he has not heard anything back on that donation and personally he doesn't know.

Julie Wolfe said okay she is going down here. Wolfe asked if they had rented their Fair Market Rental in Muskegon because it appears to be a lot of activity when she travels in that area.

Ogema Romanelli replied yes they have.

Julie Wolfe reiterated that they did secure a renter for the.....

Ogema Romanelli answered yes.

Julie Wolfe asked if there were any plans to relocate the Natural Resource Department because she heard a rumor in passing. Wolfe said she wants to express concern for that because they invested a ton of money in refurbishing that building in moving, man hours, hiring the moving company and it just seems like they are always doing that by upsetting the turmoil and flow of work. Wolfe said there has got to be some positive benefits but she just.....maybe they can share those or something or even validate if the rumor is true.

Ogema Romanelli said well the thing is there has been some initial thoughts of possibly moving the Human Resource Department. Romanelli said part of the reason is it is not a perfect.....

Julie Wolfe said Natural Resource.

Ogema Romanelli said Natural Resource and asked what did he say.

Julie Wolfe said Human Resource.

Ogema Romanelli said NR or HR. Romanelli said Natural Resource, yes, there has been some initial thought of possibly moving it. Romanelli said one thing is they would like to get all of their services as much as possible in this general area where they are their money maker, and they have their housing, and to get the services all in line would be great. Romanelli said as they know their Natural Resource Department was in real bad disrepair because they had old trailers that had more mice than they had employees there so they had to some adjustment there. Romanelli said it is still not a perfect fit and it is not in a perfect area so there is some talk of it because they are also looking at their Maintenance

Department and seeing what works for their Maintenance Department too. Romanelli said they have the orchards, the old orchard's farm buildings over here across from the Utilities and they have looking at that which makes a better fit location wise for both departments. Romanelli said so the thought was well if they are looking at their Maintenance Department out there and doing some work would it make sense to then move the Natural Resource Department. Romanelli said there is nothing in writing or anything concrete and as a matter of fact the Natural Resource Director is here. Romanelli said it is just in initial talks right now but yeah they are looking at that. Romanelli said the other reason is that the building that houses the Natural Resource Department now with the additional work they could also sell that in increased market so they are just looking at it.

*The timer for the five minutes sounded and Julie Wolfe's time is finished.*

Ogema Romanelli asked does that mean he is cut off or Julie Wolfe.

Julie Wolfe replied that means he is.

Ogema Romanelli said they can give him one minute because he doesn't need four minutes.

Julie Wolfe said she appreciates that explanation just considering the talks and the initial adjustment from Tribal member perspective a lot of their buildings they kind of just left them behind. Wolfe said they have two properties at the south end of town that has been for sale for a long time and the housing market and commercial property market has crashed for the area in her opinion as a Tribal member not as an investor and not as a business. Wolfe said she does like when they come into town there is a little bit of representation in case they can't find their way at the end of town for people who haven't been here before they could stop there and get some information. Wolfe said the other properties that they have, they know, when they left the Bank Building set open for a while with just one renter in that huge space. Wolfe went on to say the other property next to the House of Flavors they had a hard time renting or getting leases and payors so she just wanted to bring those concerns forward now in the initial discussions since it is somewhere public knowledge that they may be going in that direction.

Ogema Romanelli said again it is just initial thoughts and like Julie Wolfe said the Bank Building sat vacant for a while and they now have it fully rented. Romanelli said they also look at the benefits of being on Land In Trust in moving, for example, this building as opposed to the Bank Building whereas they were paying taxes on that for housing their Government and they know do not have to pay that and the same thing with the Natural Resource. Romanelli said while they still own the building they are still paying taxes and that is why they are always looking at the market. Romanelli said the market took a hit back in 2008-2009 and values dropped off the chart for a while there but they are rebounding and back at about 85% or 90% of what they were. Romanelli said so they are always

watching the market and make things a little bit better and more convenient for their Tribal members so, yeah, it is initial talks and there is no secret about it. Romanelli said again it may or may not happen and it takes a lot of work trying to figure it out. Romanelli said part of the reason the talks were there was that they are looking at a possible investment of fixing up those old buildings. Romanelli said he is not sure fixing up those old cement block buildings is a good value or should they just put up a structure like a.....he is thinking about some kind of simple building that does what it needs to and covers what they need. Romanelli said they are just talking about a lot of different things all the time.

Julie Wolfe said one more thing on her radar is they bring up the Trust Land is there is any public information, word or news, that can be shared public about the Trust Application on the Lakeshore Project in Muskegon. Wolfe asked if they are still on the fast track and on top of it.

Ogema Romanelli responded that they are still on top of it. Romanelli said as a matter of fact that is why the two Council members are now headed to the Partners In Action up in the U.P. and he is going there as well. Romanelli said that is a good time to discuss, as a matter of fact, that is one of the topics that is discussed is those Land In Trusts issues for Tribes so they will absolutely bring theirs up. Romanelli said he thinks they are doing a great job and moving as fast and as best as they can, so yeah.

Julie Wolfe said she has just one more for the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli said that last one was her last one.

Julie Wolfe said no, no, no, no this is just.....

Recorder Riley said to Julie Wolfe that she is well past her five minutes.

Julie Wolfe said this is specifically for the Ogema and asked how come he is the Preference DJ for the Youth Dance.

Ogema Romanelli replied that he gave it up.

Speaker Johnson said just for the rest of the membership normally they allow five minutes for discussions up at the podium and then move on to the next person fortunately in this case their Tribal member had many issues and they were not just one but many to bring forward with brief discussion in each one and he appreciates it. Johnson said if it is one item when they talk about one item then he is going to say that five minutes is enough and they are going to move on but there was many items here. Johnson thanked Julie Wolfe for that.

Ogema Romanelli said he has just a few donation requests that he will share with Council. Romanelli said one is and he has it right here which IDSC and he is

willing to make a donation of some sort and wanted to know if Council will.....they know he will share that with them. Romanelli said they had another donation requests from one of people that are running for office that he will share with them and he knows they have their requirements that they can't do. Romanelli said the third one is some involvement with Mercy General out or Muskegon they have some kind of thing going on and they want to know if the Tribe wants to get involved so he will share that with Council. Romanelli said it is nothing that they need to share right here and right now but that's it.

Stacy Conner, Tribal #3633, said she just wanted to ask when they said they were going to have a meeting with both Human Resources and a private meeting was she included in that or not.

Speaker Johnson said he will have that discussion with the Human Resource Departments to see what is appropriate at that time and he can't speak on behalf of the Human Resources at this point but they will let her know one way or another, okay.

Stacy Conner said she knows but she meant the meeting they are having.

Speaker Johnson said yes.

Recorder Riley said to Stacy Conner just in case could she leave her phone number with Grace Hendler over there so they can get a hold of her if it is decided they need her.

Stacy Conner said okay yes and thanked them.

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

Speaker Johnson said he just wanted to pass along that Recorder Riley and he are heading out to Martha's Vineyard for this weekend and they are going to be addressing the number one issue is the bill by the Senate, 248, and that has to do with the National Review Board. Johnson said there is going to be quite a few Senators there on the Democratic side that they need to convince that this is important about.....in regards to their sovereignty and they are going to have some lengthy discussions on that. Johnson said he just wanted everybody to be aware of that. Johnson asked if there was anything else for Legislative Affairs.

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

Diane Lonn, Tribal #0194, said she just wanted to give them an update of the BIA Election coming up. Lonn said the Election Board has asked her to speak for them. Lonn said there was 3,891 eligible registered voters that got the information so that they could register to vote. Lonn said only 955 did register to vote. Lonn said last night they had a meeting with the BIA because they had four

challenges and the BIA basically said no to all four challenges. Lonn said of the undeliverable and rejected there was 181 and they did discuss with the BIA that two weeks was not enough time for it to go from Albuquerque to all over the United States and get it back and they didn't care. Lonn said the BIA said the rules say this is it so that is what is going to happen there is going to be 955 that can vote.

Councilor Di Piazza asked what was that first number.

Diane Lonn replied 3,891 eligible registered voters.....eligible people that could vote.

Councilor Di Piazza thanked Diane Lonn.

Speaker Johnson said he had someone in the audience and asked if that was Julie Wolfe.

*Julie Wolfe said from the audience that she had a question for Diane Lonn.*

Speaker Johnson said to Julie Wolfe if she would please come forward so it gets recorded on the thing.

Julie Wolfe, Tribal #1062, she knows that Diane Lonn is just speaking for the Election Board but asked if she had the numbers or data on the 30% that it would take to pass.

Diane Lonn answered of the 955 that is what they would base the 30% so it would be about two hundred and.....

Councilor Di Piazza said 286 of that.

Diane Lonn said yes, that would or could pass each individual one.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to state that a well-known GTB member, Percy Anderson, died in a car crash last night and to please keep the Anderson Family in their prayers.

Speaker Johnson thanked Councilor Crampton and asked if there were any other Public Comments.

***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 Johnson said before he adjourns did their Legal Team come up with a finding on the roll call vote.



*Shayne Machen, Legal Department Attorney, made comments from the audience but they were not picked up on the tape recording because she did not step up to the podium.*

Speaker Johnson said they will do that in Second Open.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN FIRST OPEN AT 11:03;** by Riley;  
supported by Lewis.

**Roll Call #11**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

**XI. Open Session**

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:50 a.m. and this portion of the meeting was not recorded. The following minutes were taken from the Roll Call Record.

**MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION;** by Wabindato;  
supported by Medacco.

**Roll Call #12**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Shayne Machen, Legal Department Attorney, provided and stated the following regarding the roll call vote in First Open of Jim Wabindato, Consideration of Appointment to the Board of Directors.

3.12 of the Meetings and Procedures Ordinance says:

*“Majority Vote”* means a vote of a majority of the quorum of the Tribal Council on a motion, ordinance, or resolution under consideration by the Tribal Council at an official meeting of the Tribal Council.

3.19 says:

*“Quorum”* means the necessary minimum number of Tribal Councilors required to be present in order for official business to take place pursuant to Article IV, 6(f) of the Constitution.

Because the Constitution only requires 6 people to be present for quorum, a minimum of 4 votes is necessary to pass a measure. Because only 3 votes were cast in favor of Jim Wabindato, then the measure fails.

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

**MOTION TO MOVE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS C.1, C.2 AND C.3; MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE;** by Riley; supported by Medacco.

**Roll Call #13**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

*The following motions and roll call votes were moved from Closed Session to Open Session.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0622-181, APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER – STEVE L. WHEELER;** by Riley; supported by Medacco.

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

**Roll Call #C-4**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0622-182, APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA’S EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH WESTSHORE CONSULTING;** by Medacco; supported by Riley.

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

**Roll Call #C-5**

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0622-183,  
AUTHORIZATION OF LETTER AGREEMENT WITH  
REHMANN TO COMPLETE THE FY 2015 401K AUDIT;** by Riley;  
supported by Medacco.

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

**Roll Call #C-6**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

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

**B. Approving Tribal Ogema's Execution of Ten Agreements for the 2016 Language Camp**

The Tribal Ogema through the Historic Preservation Department has consulted and negotiated agreements with individuals as Presenters for the 2016 Language Camp.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0622-184;  
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF TEN  
AGREEMENTS FOR THE 2016 LANGUAGE CAMP;** by Riley;  
supported by Medacco.

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

**Roll Call #14**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

**XII. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:54;** by Riley; supported by Wabindato.

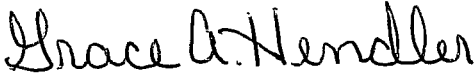
**Roll Call #15**

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler  
Transcribing Assistant



Joseph Riley II,  
Tribal Council Recorder