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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on June 26, 2019. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Lonn. Di Piazza said welcome to their regular meeting, Council Meeting, for Wednesday, June 26, 2019. Di Piazza said Mr. Ron Wittenberg is going to lead them in an Opening Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

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

We thank you for this day.

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

Help us; guide our thoughts, our minds and our hearts.

We say Chi Miigwech to Mother Earth for the living things that she has gifted us.

We ask that you be with the Leaders of our country, our community and our Tribe.

We ask that you be with also the hungry, the sick and the dying.

Comfort those in your will and not ours.

Ahaaw. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

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

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Lonn said eight present and one absent. Lonn said quorum is established.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said just for everybody's information Ron Pete is still on approved vacation. Di Piazza said he will be back Monday as far as he knows.

Others Present: Mary Christner, Phyllis Howell, Kathryn Krause, Constance Terrell, Gary Lewis.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Rodriguez, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Rebecca Liebing, Caitlin Rollins, Levi Stone.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRIBAL COUNCIL AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF V. C, RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR 2 LAKES SEWER AUTHORITY AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION #17-0405-126; by Lonn; supported by Lewis.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any discussion on the agenda. Di Piazza recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said she is sorry she was just wondering how they get this on the agenda they didn't follow their guidelines. Champagne said they are supposed to have it out eight days in between there for guidelines and they didn't follow any of that.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said on this particular one the grant is due Friday so like what was discussed in the work session yesterday that it was more of an emergency to get this resolution cleared up to change it from the 3 Lakes to 2 Lakes because Arcadia backed out of that. Di Piazza said no they have been sticking to the protocol but unfortunately, the Utilities Department didn't get that he believed until what.....he thought it was the first of the week. Di Piazza said yes.

Councilor Champagne said she guessed her question is she didn't think it was a grant that they were applying for so she.....and how is this affecting the health and welfare of their citizens.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well the part of the grant that are utilizing them because of their Sewer Plant to apply for an FDA Grant that in turn they will be actually paying for the sewer line from Bear Lake and around.....surroundings. Di Piazza reiterated they will pay for the sewer line to come to their facility and technically that is going to open up more avenues for businesses and also housing and also bring them more revenue in it. Di Piazza said at some point it affects how they operate. Di Piazza recognized Diane Lonn.

Acting Recorder Lonn said it also is not a match so the grant, if they get the money, it is totally being paid for by the grant so it is no match on their part.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said but they don't.....

Acting Recorder Lonn said.....at this time.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well it is just that they are in support of them seeking that grant because it will allow them to either build their own plant or connect to their plant. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah, if they can have the Director or can the Director come up there because now he is confused. Crampton said there was discussion.....it was a work session but there was discussion of \$6 million to be contributed by the Tribe so if there is nothing to be kicked in by the Tribe now he is confused.

Councilor Lewis said to Acting Recorder Lonn that it is going to be up to \$6 million and it depends on the grant.

Acting Recorder Lonn said she is sorry she missed that.

Gary Lewis, Director of Utilities, said good morning everybody. Lewis said he apologizes for the late submittal. Lewis said the 2 Lakes Sewer Authority already had their meeting, got the documents needed, that he needed to review to go through to see what their costs would be and what their costs would be that took a few days. Lewis said then he asked one of their Accounting Staff to review what he had reviewed just to make sure that he was on the same page and saw the same things that he did. Lewis said then after that took a few days there and then going back to get the Work Session Request, get that signed, that took a few days and then that is why it's being asked to be put on now. Lewis said the Engineering Firm has kind of held up submitting the initial application to the USDA pending on what they do. Lewis said so that is why they are requesting as part of their.... through the health and welfare of their Tribe that is the number one thing that a Utility Operator is deemed with is to protect the health and welfare of the public by providing potable drinking water and sanitary sewer collection and treatment. Lewis said so if they.....he knows the Natural Resource did a lot of watershed work up in Portage Lake and that. Lewis said this kind of goes hand and hand

with that because there is a lot of septic systems on the lakes and so if they run it to one sewer collection point they can help treat that which would help prevent any accidents of spillage into the lakes. Lewis said that is kind of the timeframe where pieces had to come together.

Councilor Crampton said his question was more to the costs associated with the Tribe.

Gary Lewis said costs associated.....there is no costs right now so backtracking....this resolution is changing the 3 Lakes Sewer Authority to 2 Lakes and they are just in support of them and they are willing.....they are saying they are willing to accept their sewage. Lewis said so they have a contract with Gosling Czubak Engineering right and they are going to give them some Engineering Reports on what upgrades they need. Lewis said they need upgrades for themselves now but if they take on additional flow, they may need more upgrades in which case that number could be up to \$6 million and that is just a guess. Lewis said so to put in an DSPR that they have now is three.....roughly \$3 million back in 2001 if they had to put in another SPR it is probably \$6 million in today's dollars. Lewis said so it could be up to that but that is not saying they couldn't get a grant. Lewis said they would apply for grants and see what kind of grants they could get so just depends on what the grant is but it could be up to \$6 million. Lewis said they are not committed to that by this resolution. Lewis said once this resolution is approved he would just forward that to the Engineer that is working on the project. Lewis said they are going to go back and forth with the USDA for about a month and then there is about a five month timespan where they are actually filling the full application in which case he should have the information back from Gosling Czubak and figure what their costs would be then he would have a better number but there is about a five month timespan when they are filling this application then they negotiate a contract with them to accept their sewage. Lewis said at that time they fix their dollar amounts and here is what they have then up to that point they can back out and that is so if there is two, their price and the price to build their own Sewer Treatment Plant is pretty much the same they could go either way because then it is up to a point where they could ask the USDA that they don't want to get into water and sewer business so if they could just connect to the Tribe. Lewis said he is sure the USDA would take their recommendations and considerations and say, "well these prices are equivalence and as a Tribe they know they are going to build their own plant." Lewis said it is kind of up in the air at that point then that's.....do they want to get into MPDS Permits and then a Licensed Operators to run their plant and do they want to have that or do that want to do this. Lewis said they still have a lot of time in a five-six month timeframe before they have an actual dollar amount that they are committed to and they can back out anytime up to that point. Lewis said it could be up to \$6 million.

Councilor Crampton thanked Gary Lewis.

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

Councilor Crampton said yep.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Diane Lonn.

Acting Recorder Lonn said okay she is not really into his business because she knows he knows more than she. Lonn said in their discussion wasn't he talking about he does have some equipment that does need to be replaced.

Gary Lewis said correct.

Acting Recording Lonn said.....because it is old.

Gary Lewis said yes.

Acting Recorder Lonn said.....and that would come out of this grant, right, or he may have to come forward with it to them.

Gary Lewis said correct.

Acting Recorder Lonn said okay, that is what she wanted to make sure.

Gary Lewis said ____ it was roughly \$2.4 million is what they got as an estimate. Lewis said he whittled some of that down so that it was \$1.2 roughly.

Acting Recorder Lonn said which is basically things he needs to upgrade.....

Gary Lewis said correct.

Acting Recorder Lonn said okay and thanked Gary Lewis. Lonn said she wanted to just clarify what she heard.

Gary Lewis said Control Panel he has a quote in for next year.....Control Panel at the Waste Treatment Plant now was roughly \$110,000 to replace that and what probes that they need in the system itself. Lewis said so if that went through in the Budget this year and that would come off the \$1.2 million that they are needing in upgrades then there is grants that they can.....so their existing needs.....they will be working with a grants writer too as well so they can get any grants that they might need to help cut any costs that they would incur if that.

Acting Recorder Lonn said he answered it perfectly. Lonn thanked Gary Lewis.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any further questions. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said Miss Lonn said that if this went through they would be coming back for.....what would he be coming back for. Crampton asked would that be a supplemental appropriation.

Gary Lewis said if this resolution itself gets approved.....

Councilor Crampton said no if the grant gets approved.

Gary Lewis said the grant.....that could be up to the \$6 million but he won't know.....

Councilor Crampton said.....coming back to Council for.

Gary Lewis said possibly yup.

Acting Recorder Lonn said she thought he.....

Gary Lewis said that is worse case scenario is the \$6 million to do upgrades to the system if 2 Lakes comes to them because then they are going to have 180,000 gallons of additional flow daily up to 230,000 gallons once the full build out is complete with that additional flow they need the upgrade.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Diane Lonn.

Acting Recorder Lonn said but he still.....if the grant didn't come through he would still have to eventually upgrade all that panel and everything else he talked about, right.

Gary Lewis said yep, and.....

Acting Recorder Lonn said that is a given and they have to upgrade that to keep that business of his over there or their business going. Lonn asked is she correct.

Gary Lewis said yep, correct. Lewis said equipment is aged and.....

Acting Recorder Lonn said is aging, yeah. Lonn said just like them.

Gary Lewis said they still have a truck from 2001 so.

Acting Recorder Lonn thanked Gary Lewis.

Gary Lewis said they are limping it along.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn if she was all set. Di Piazza recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said to Gary Lewis that she knows he said he is working with the grant writers but has he put together a Return on Investment an Official Performa to present to them so they know what they can expect in return.

Gary Lewis said no.

Councilor Champagne said okay. Champagne said ah, has he done a Construction Feasibility Study.

Gary Lewis said it's what Gosling Czubak will give them. Lewis said they will give them a Preliminary Engineering Review which will tell them exactly what they need and it will give them options just like them have....options.....it will give them options to expand the Lagoon area and different treatment steps to that. Lewis said they will give them three options and what.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he is kind of having a hard time hearing them.

Councilor Champagne asked has there been a Market Study on this.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he is having a hard time hearing.

Gary Lewis said so no she is talking about an Asset Management Program which is IHS is.....they haven't fully committed yet but they are seeking funds off their Bemidji Office to give them funds to do that type of thing because when they are talking about Rate Structures and things like that.....now they have Manistee Township, they got the Tribe, they got Commercial Rates and they got three different Budgets and so it gets pretty.....pretty intense. Lewis said they had the Rate Studies done and things like that with Gosling Czubak but this Asset Management Program will give them all that.

Councilor Champagne said okay.

Gary Lewis said that is pending and in the works right now.

Councilor Champagne said okay and has there been a Business Feasibility Study done.

Gary Lewis said no.

Councilor Champagne said she is sorry she is asking these questions because she wants to know where they are at and how far they have gone with this. Champagne said she guessed what she is looking at he said they need about \$1.5 million thereabouts to upgrade the system the way it is but they need about \$4.5 million more if they brought on new customers. Champagne asked are they.....have they put together a team that would work with these municipalities to see if they would pick up these charges up front and then give

themselves.....give themselves money back over the period of the 30 years it will take to get this so that they are not paying that \$6 million up front out of their pocket they are asking the municipalities they are going to be servicing.

Gary Lewis said well there is a connection charge. Lewis said a connection charge for them to connect to them is \$295,000 so that would be up front money they would pay to them but like a bond the way they recoup their initial investment is over time through their service charges. Lewis said so that is the same thing they are doing with their.....they are going to get a grant and a loan. Lewis said whatever the loan is they have to pay back over the 30 or 40 years whatever the loan is but they are going to incorporate charges to individual customers to cover that loan payment. Lewis said that is over the course of the 30 or 40 year loan plus they are charging them the per gallon usage charge per 1,000 gallons that they are paying them because they.....so they are paying all that cost and so they wouldn't charge them that up front to get the money. Lewis said it is not....it is kind of not the way the municipalities do that. Lewis said it is over a period of 30 or 40 years.

Councilor Champagne asked would he go back to see if they would.

Gary Lewis said he can guarantee they probably wouldn't. Lewis said the overall project is \$56 million and so for them to go and ask for them for \$6 million from them but some of that isn't all their cost so now if they build-out on M-22 and 31 they are going to have to charge whoever builds over there the connection fee as well plus who is their per dollar per 1,000 gallon charge. Lewis said all these factors come into play. Lewis said it is not just like.....they are not just charging them they have to see what percentage they are using of that system, what percentage the township is using of it and what percentage the 2 Lakes is using it. Lewis said that is done in the Rate Study then so that eight years return on their assets on the sheet they had yesterday that is what they figure the \$6 million or the.....he forgets what the amount was but that is where they figured it out is their break-even point was eight years.

Councilor Champagne said she knows he told them they are working with the grant writer. Champagne asked does he know if they applied for like a Rural Development.....

Gary Lewis said no, because he.....he's.....

Councilor Champagne said pardon her.

Gary Lewis said he is fairly new so they haven't.....he has been to a training or two.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah he will have to.....

Gary Lewis said he is just getting his feet wet in water and sewer so.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he will have to....

Councilor Lewis said point of order.

Gary Lewis said yeah, once they get something concrete then they can move forward and they don't have anything concrete yet.

Ogema Romanelli said his apologies. Romanelli asked can he interject here.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Acting Speaker Di Piazza. Romanelli asked are they talking.....this discussion is all great but are they talking about V C. here.

Acting Recorder Lonn said yes.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said he thought they were still approving the agenda.

Acting Recorder Lonn said yes they are.

Ogema Romanelli said okay point of order this is all fine and dandy it should be handled in the proper order though.

Acting Recorder Lonn said she agrees.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes right now they are in Approval of the Agenda.

Ogema Romanelli said okay thanks for the information and he doesn't mind the questions but he thinks it should be at the proper time. Romanelli thanked them.

Acting Recorder Lonn said she agrees.

Councilor Crampton said he thought the question was the addition of this to the agenda.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes it would be C.

Councilor Crampton said that would be the topic.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah.

Councilor Crampton said okay. Crampton said it is a point of order.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay.

Councilor Wittenberg said he was thinking what did he know about the addition.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they are on the Approval of the Agenda. Di Piazza said he guessed is there any more discussion or is anybody going to abstain. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn to do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said six in favor, two against, and one absent motion passed. Lonn said the agenda has been approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 6/19/19

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 6/19/19 TO ACCEPT FOR FILING; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any discussion on the minutes or is anyone going to abstain. Di Piazza said seeing none. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn to do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said eight in favor and one absent motion passed it is accepted.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said if everyone would speak up some they are having difficulties hearing them in the audience. Di Piazza asked is that better?

A member in the audience thanked Acting Speaker Di Piazza.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is that better. Di Piazza said they can't hear.

The member in the audience responded him they can hear.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they are working. Di Piazza said okay.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

B. Budget Modifications

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they have nothing under Grants & Contracts or Budget Modifications.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval for Councilor Lonn to attend the Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation on August 21-22, 2019 in New Buffalo, Michigan

The Consultation includes a Tribal Caucus Meeting hosted by the National Congress of American Indians and the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center at the Four Winds Casino.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn if she would like to.....

Acting Recorder Lonn said um it's.....she met with them last year with another Councilor. Lonn said they tell them how the new rules that they put in place for Violence Against Women has....whether it succeeded or failed, they talk about different grants that are available that they can get for Violence Against Women and men and children. Lonn said then what they do is they ask them to each.....from each Tribe give a talk on the things that are going on with their Tribe and how they are working with the Violence Against Women and the acts and that stuff. Lonn said it is very informative and it's really sad because sometimes they get into personal issues that have happened in their lives against their children or their grandchildren or their men and that. Lonn said it is very emotional but it is a nice way because there is like she would say at least 20 or more Tribes that show up for this, all over.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay. Di Piazza said with that being said is there any further discussion or anybody going to abstain off of this. Di Piazza said if not he would be looking for a motion.

Councilor Lewis said to Gary Di Piazza that she would like to make a motion.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Sandy Lewis.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF COUNCILOR LONN TO
ATTEND THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN TRIBAL
CONSULTATION ON AUGUST 21-22 IN NEW BUFFALO,**

MICHIGAN AND SHE WILL BE GIVING TESTIMONY ALSO; by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.

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

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said seven in favor, one against, and one absent.

IV. Old Business

Reports that are due: May 2019

Reports received:

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| <p>A. Financial Report
March-May 2019</p> <p>B. Enrollment Commission</p> <p>C. Health Commission</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted</p> |
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Acting Speaker Di Piazza said it looks like none of the reports has been received. Di Piazza said the Financial Report for March-May, 2019, Enrollment Commission, and Health Commission there is none submitted. Di Piazza said with that being said they have been just accepted.

V. New Business

- A. Approval by Resolution for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians to establish Membership with Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA)**
Membership to MTERA to provide a long-range plan for renewable energy options thereby reducing the carbon footprint and reduction of dependence on fossil fuels.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Mr. Lewis is here to represent this one. Di Piazza said to Gary Lewis that he had the floor.

Gary Lewis, Utilities Director, represented this agenda item. Lewis said so the resolution as stated is to provide membership for their Tribe to MTERA with himself and Diane Kerr as Board Members to the Board for MTERA. Lewis said basically they are going to do the background....get the background information on the Tribe's electrical uses and their carbon footprints. Lewis said the MTERA

Board itself gives them a lot of experience in this area already so there is a lot of expertise that they can tap into to assist them of future renewable energy projects. Lewis said there is some commitment to this and 25 hours a year in-kind service which the Board Meetings which are held monthly is by phone conference and that counts towards that. Lewis said in lieu of that if they don't commitment that time they can donate \$5,000 but they just do the in-kind service with the Board Meetings and there is some marketing that is needed for that annually which could be as simple as they brought this up here to the Council Meeting and there is their marketing initiative for them then they can assist somebody else on a project. Lewis said assisting somebody else on a project also gives them the background on what they are doing and so that gives them some more knowledge in that area. Lewis said that is it.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn asked do they do this every year just like every five years or is this like every year project.

Gary Lewis replied no this is just continuing they are just part of the MTERA Association.

Acting Recorder Lonn said okay and thanked Gary Lewis.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said with that being said is there any further questions or is anybody going to abstain off of this. Di Piazza said with that being said he is looking for a motion for approval.

Councilor Corey said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0626-173;
APPROVAL BY THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA
INDIANS TO ESTABLISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE MIDWEST
TRIBAL ENERGY ASSOCIATION (MTERA);** by Corey; supported
by Lewis.

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

Roll Call #4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said eight in favor and one absent motion has passed.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Lonn.

Acting Recorder Lonn asked does she read that.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no just say the resolution number.

Acting Recorder Lonn said the Resolution #19-0626-173 is passed.

B. Adoption of Amendments to the Tribal Council Procedures Ordinance, Ordinance #06-100-02

Tribal Council held a final work session on June 13, 2019 on the following proposed amendments: Changing the website posting requirement to at least five (5) days prior to the meeting; Clarifying additions to the agenda may be added by majority vote of the Tribal Councilors present; and Fixing formatting, Grammatical errors, and Typos.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said this has come down from a 30-day comment period that it was up and they had a final work session on June 13th. Di Piazza asked is there any questions on this. Di Piazza asked is anybody going to abstain.

Councilor Crampton said he has to....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said pardon.

Councilor Crampton said he is not going to abstain he just wants to clarify to the members what is going on. Crampton said the Council had held work sessions on this and the amendments are basically to go for the website posting requirement to have at least five days prior to the meeting, clarifying additions to the agenda may be added by majority vote of the Tribal Councilors present and fixing formatting, grammatical errors and typos.

Councilor Corey asked nothing else.

Councilor Crampton said nothing else.

Councilor Corey asked can he make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0626-174; ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE TRIBAL COUNCIL PROCEDURES ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE #06-100-02; by Corey; supported by Wittenberg.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked are there any further disc..... Di Piazza said pardon. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn that it was 174, correct.

Acting Recorder Lonn said yeah, 174.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said anyways with that being said. Di Piazza asked is anybody going to abstain or is there any further discussion on this item. Di Piazza said that being said. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said eight in favor and one absent. Lonn said Resolution #19-0626-174 has passed.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Lonn.

C. Resolution of Support for 2 Lakes Sewer Authority and Rescinding Resolution #17-0405-126

The 3 Lakes Sewer Authority no longer exists and has become a 2 Lakes Sewer Authority due to Arcadia Township no longer interested in connecting.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said to Gary Lewis that he had the floor on this.

Gary Lewis, Director of Utilities, represented this agenda item. Lewis said this resolution itself is just replacing basically the title. Lewis said so it was 3 Lakes Sewer and now it is 2 Lakes Sewer because Arcadia didn't want to be a part of the Sewer Project. Lewis said if he could back up for a second here it is probably his fault because when he came in yesterday at the work session and he said they need \$6 million but they don't know that. Lewis reiterated that they don't know that yet. Lewis said that is non-existent that is just worst-case scenario if they built a new plant that is what they need. Lewis reiterated if they built a new plant but they don't know that yet. Lewis said they are not going to know that until maybe the end of August when they get the report back from Gosling Czubak and they won't know that if they need that much at that point until 2 Lakes decides whether or not to connect to them. Lewis said at which time they can always back out and say no they are not going to do it.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Gary Lewis said so Feasibility Study, Return on their Assets, that is really a Rate Study when it comes to municipalities for Water and Sewer Departments so the Rate Study itself that will breaks down everything. Lewis said all their assets, everything and that is their return on their investment. Lewis said so he thinks

some of them have been here before when Clyde Johnson came in and did the Rate Study and here is what they are looking at and here is what they need to charge their customers.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Gary Lewis said so that \$6 million is really non-existent at that point. Lewis said he just wanted everybody to be prepared for a worst-case scenario is all. Lewis said they need \$6 million if they are going to let them connect to them. Lewis said that is all that was he thinks he might of confused everybody on that point. Lewis said so he just wanted to clarify that a little bit.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Diane Lonn.

Acting Recorder Lonn asked okay if they were to connect because again, she is not that familiar with everything, and she learned today that they would have an upfront costs of \$200 and some thousand, right.

Gary Lewis replied yes, \$250,000.

Acting Recorder Lonn asked how many would connect into that, two.

Gary Lewis answered it was just one connection from all them.

Acting Recorder Lonn asked they would all have to pay that or just.....

Gary Lewis said just one and it is an initial connection fee.

Acting Recorder Lonn asked what if they connected, hypothetically, what let's say within a year would there be a return to them or not yet. Lonn asked would they get money from this.

Gary Lewis said based on that and based on the \$450 per thousand gallon treatment charge it would be.....it would actually be \$295,000 a year revenue.

Acting Recorder Lonn questioned revenue. Lonn said okay.

Gary Lewis said in outside revenue and then taking off of that their.....so part of that sheet from yesterday.....that Power Point Sheet was taking those things into account what were their Capital Costs for their initial investment for the upgrades that they needed. Lewis said again, that was based off an originally ____ that is outdated of 2.4 so. Lewis said all that is factored in.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn if she was all set.

Acting Recorder Lonn said yes and thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Dave Corey.

Councilor Corey said this is just permission to go out to bid and work with the other municipalities, correct.

Acting Recorder Lonn said yeah.

Gary Lewis said they are just saying they are supporting what they are doing.

Councilor Corey said at the time they make a commitment they are going to have all the facts, the figures, all the bids will be in, engineering will be done and they will have their decisions either they can say yes and one of the other two parties can say no at any time as well, correct.

Gary Lewis said correct.

Councilor Corey said okay.

Gary Lewis said so yeah, sorry about that. Lewis said the \$6 million was just a worse case that this is what they would be looking at.

Acting Recorder Lonn said that is fine.

Gary Lewis said so apologies for that.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said that was what he was just.....it was just a resolution so they could turn it in to help support them.

Gary Lewis said correct.

Councilor Guenthardt said 2 Rivers.....2 Lakes to submit their resolution so they get approval. Guenthardt said there was no money.....

Councilor Lewis said yeah, just the support.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Tom Guenthardt if he was all set. Di Piazza asked is there any further discussion or anybody going to abstain.

Councilor Crampton said yo, he has him here. Crampton said so now if they apply.....if they apply for the grant and they give them this information and this information is supposed to help them get the grant, right.

Gary Lewis said ____ part of their overall.

Councilor Crampton said okay, supposed they get the grant.

Gary Lewis said yep.

Councilor Crampton asked are they committed to anything.

Gary Lewis said no. Lewis said it depends when they fill out the full application and that is going to take another five months.

Councilor Crampton said yup, after that are they committed to anything.

Gary Lewis said after that yes, but then.....so that is five or six months from now in which case they will have the other information back from Gosling Czubak for this is what their cost will be.....going to be and here is what they should be charging and do they still want to move forward with it because they really need to charge eight instead of four fifty.....

Councilor Crampton said if they are committed.....he said they are committed then there is no question if they are going to bring it forward.

Gary Lewis said so when he says their committed in that timeframe they are going to be negotiating a contract with them so their contract is going to be, they know, over the 30 year whatever their loan period is they could probably do the same 30-40 years. Lewis said once they sign the contract then they are committed, the application goes in, and then USDA can make the decision.

Councilor Crampton said sign the contract before the submission.

Gary Lewis said yep, just the same as they did with Manistee Township so they have the contract with them for 30 years.

Councilor Crampton said okay and thanked Gary Lewis.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked any further discussion. Di Piazza said again is anybody going to abstain off of this. Di Piazza said he is looking for a motion.

Councilor Corey said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-0626-175;
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR 2 LAKES SEWER
AUTHORITY AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION #17-0405-126; by
Corey; supported by Lonn.**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked are there any further discussion or is anybody going to abstain.

Councilor Crampton said he just has one more question. Crampton said he said there was never brought up \$295,000 annual and would that be one payment or two payments.

Gary Lewis said monthly, they bill monthly. Lewis said \$295,000 for the year but they bill monthly so.

Councilor Crampton said that would be the one charge of \$295,000.

Acting Recorder Lonn said yeah.

Gary Lewis said in total for the year yes.

Councilor Crampton said for annual so that would be added into the ROY that would be figured into the ROY.

Gary Lewis said correct, and a portion of that will go to their Operations Costs fortunately it goes to depreciation portion it goes to.

Councilor Crampton said he is looking at the time period....

Gary Lewis said return on investment.

Councilor Crampton said their ROY and they are looking at 30 years now.

Gary Lewis said yeah, and that's.....so the sheet yesterday was an eight year on the return of investment but that is based off.....again that is based off 2.4 that Gosling gave them before which is going to be revised.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Gary Lewis said so the return on their investment is going to change but they don't know that yet until he gets a full report back from Gosling.

Councilor Crampton said so it could be good news or it could be bad news.

Gary Lewis said yeah. Lewis said it could say yeah \$1.2 million is all they need.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Gary Lewis said it could say six worse case.

Councilor Crampton thanked Gary Lewis.

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

Councilor Crampton said yep he is fine.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay. Di Piazza asked any other discussion or any other questions. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn to do a roll call please.

Roll Call #6

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

Motion carried (6-2-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said six approved, two against and one absent. Lonn said motion or Resolution #19-0626-175 has been approved.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Lonn.

Gary Lewis thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Gary Lewis.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, July 10, 2019

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said welcome to their Tribal Members that are in the audience it is nice to see them. Romanelli said cameras have been fixed by Council so.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said for the meetings they were having some issues for a couple of weeks but he guessed they have been fixed so. Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said a 20th Celebration was just announced by the Resort they have been running the casino for 20 years that is a major accomplishment so that is good to know. Romanelli said he just got the letter yesterday or the e-mail so. Romanelli said so that's good they will be giving more information out as they go along. Romanelli asked what else do they have going. Romanelli said they have a letter that was given to them, that was sent to him, and he believed Council as well. Romanelli said it's from the Environmental Consulting Firm apparently that's all.....it was sent to him and thinks it was sent to Council. Romanelli said it is already out on Face Book and he is not sure what the intent was to have it put out there he doesn't know.....it always baffles him what is put out. Romanelli

said he doesn't think it was for the interest of all Tribal members at this time. Romanelli said Council and he had discussions as to what they are going to do with....about the letter so he is not sure. Romanelli said he thought he would just bring it up.

Councilor Crampton asked what did they give him.

Ogema Romanelli asked what else do they have going.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he handed it out to everybody yesterday.

Councilor Corey said he saw it yesterday.

Ogema Romanelli said someone sent it to him this morning. Romanelli said information.....they send him all kinds of Face Book posts, etc. Romanelli said it is out there. Romanelli said he wants to say that.....his apologies....he is trying to straighten out his paperwork here. Romanelli said he held the first Oversight Task Force Meeting, the first general Oversight Task Force Meeting at the Resort on Monday. Romanelli said he held one previously on June 13th which was an Emergency Meeting to pass some resolutions to get some money over there he believed it was for some food and beverage but this was his first real meeting. Romanelli said he has to tell them that he is very extremely disappointed in the Task Force, it is called an Oversight Task Force, this has been two years plus and during this time there is one person representing the Oversight Task Force. Romanelli said the Task Force was set-up to have a seven member Task Force. Romanelli said one the Ogema or their Designee, two Council members, and then four At Large Members who should have some background in certain areas, right, to sit on the board. Romanelli said the Elected Officials don't have to have any kind of background whatsoever they just have to be Elected Officials. Romanelli said so he attended the meeting, he ran the meeting as the Chairperson which the....the document calls for but it is very odd to have one person representing a Task Force of what should be seven. Romanelli said this isn't.....this is the first time he really has been in charge and it's been going on for a couple of years so he is very disappointed in that. Romanelli said he was very uncomfortable. Romanelli said he just don't see that as a way to run the Task Force therefore as the Chairman of the Task Force he is suspending meeting operations until further notice. Romanelli said until one they can get more than two people on the Task Force or this.....and they had this issue come up and is a court issue. Romanelli said this has been going on for, again, over two years. Romanelli said until they get a court opinion or until they can get at least three people on this Task Force. Romanelli said he can't.....the, the document calls for a quorum to be even one person he doesn't find that acceptable. Romanelli said his apologies but he doesn't. Romanelli said he don't.....he can't sit there and he did sit there and said he is going to bring up this resolution he has to get....announced the attendance and he says "*Larry Romanelli is here*" that's it. Romanelli said he then makes a motion so he said he would like to make a motion on this resolution.

Romanelli reiterated make a motion on the resolution and asked does he have support. Romanelli asked what happens if he say he abstained from voting. Romanelli said so as he said until things are rectified he is going to suspend the meeting operations until further notice or as they would call it indefinite adjournment. Romanelli said he wants to thank the Leadership over at the Resort, the General Manager, the Directors and the Staff because they are really the glue that has been holding this thing together he believed. Romanelli said he thinks that they have done a wonderful job. Romanelli said he thinks they are well seasoned and well informed and know their job and that's why they do as well as they do. Romanelli said going past that he just can't continue to do the meetings. Romanelli said what he will do is anything that is needed to be done between the government and Resort he will act in his capacity as Tribal Ogema and do the job which was granted to him by the Constitution. Romanelli said so things won't get undone they just won't be one through this process. Romanelli said he thinks that's it unless anybody has any questions for him. Romanelli said he is not calling it.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Diane Lonn then Shannon Crampton.

Acting Recorder Lonn said he's right she agrees with what he is doing because she felt uncomfortable when Mr. Riley was making decision by himself for thousands if not more dollars for the casino for things that were being done. Lonn said it should be done by more than one person. Lonn said she is not saying that he didn't do a good job but she agrees with him one person to make these huge decisions that run that casino and everything bothers her. Lonn said it always had. Lonn thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said oh, he would just like to point out that the records show and the numbers show the Oversight Task Force has out performed the Board of Directors and has turned around their deficit for the July checks. Crampton said what.....

Ogema Romanelli said excuse him but that use.....he is sorry. Romanelli said he really didn't hear it.

Councilor Crampton said he was saying that a Board.....the Oversight Task Force has out performed the Board of Directors.

Ogema Romanelli asked in what way.

Councilor Crampton said ah, their checks are now almost.....they reversed the trend that was going down for four years.

Ogema Romanelli asked he attributes that to the Oversight Task Force and not to the employees of the Resort.

Councilor Crampton said not to the employees of the Resort, no, because they are following what they put in place as the Oversight Task Force. Crampton said he doesn't want to get into it.....

Ogema Romanelli said they, okay, go ahead continue and he is sorry.

Councilor Crampton said the Council voted the Task Force through. Crampton said to Ogema Romanelli that he thought he was here when they did that but..... Crampton asked under what authority is he suspending operations.

Ogema Romanelli said on his authority as the Chairman of the Oversight Task Force.

Councilor Crampton said okay, okay. Crampton thanked Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said he was welcome.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked any further questions. Di Piazza said his apologies he didn't recognize Tribal members in the audience. Di Piazza said his apologies. Di Piazza said anyways they will move on.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he has one thing on Legislative. Di Piazza said the....their system.....their recording system was having some problems. Di Piazza said they had new cameras installed and also they call this a Crestron System which operates and records the systems. Di Piazza said the company had come in and reprogrammed and made it more.....it is functioning so. Di Piazza said they had some problems with it starting to fail a little bit so that has been rectified. Di Piazza said anyways, anybody have anything for Legislative Affairs.

Acting Recorder Lonn said no.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked there are no Legislative Affairs Updates then they will move on.

D. Public Comment Period

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any public comment. Di Piazza recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she just wanted to remind everyone that their Youth Dance is Friday night and that starts at 7:00 over at the pavilion. Lewis said if anybody

would like to come over there. Lewis said she does want to thank everyone over the years that have contributed their time and energy. Lewis said she knows Shannon Crampton's wife Jennifer makes baked goods and brings those over for them. Lewis said Tammy Di Piazza will be doing a dinner with hot dogs, etc. Lewis said then also their Pow Wow starts Saturday at noon and then Tribal Council will be serving dinner at 5:00. Lewis said Grand Entry again starts at 7:00 and then also on Sunday so. Lewis said everybody have an enjoyable and safe weekend.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, ah, Saturday....excuse him.....Saturday on the 29th through Be-Da-Bin they are having their Wellness Walk. Wittenberg said it will be at the Three Fires Conference Rooms and that will be 8:00 in the morning. Wittenberg said that starts registration and then 8:30 will be breakfast. Wittenberg said there will be a light speaker and depending on the weather, they will be walking from the casino over to the Pow Wow Grounds. Wittenberg said the Wellness Walk and some people call it the Red Road but it is sobriety but it is open to anybody and everybody. Wittenberg said they don't have to be Tribal or anything. Wittenberg said so it is a good time. Wittenberg said he has been doing it for the last few years and the Creator gives him another year he will do it another year. Wittenberg said so Miigwech.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Miigwech for letting everybody know. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said ah, yeah, at the Youth Dance he is going to bring down a bunch of GTB youth too. Crampton said he noticed their guests here today. Crampton said Miss Christner has been asking for a copy of the salaries for the Government Employees and he had proposed to Mr. Pete who had promised to bring them forward at the same time he brought forward the Casino Employees. Crampton said he reminded him and he said he would look into it but given the circumstances, he thinks that he probably.....maybe it had slipped his mind but he would like to make them aware why she was here today. Crampton said she can view those records herself right here today.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any further public comment. Di Piazza recognized Diane Lonn.

Acting Recorder Lonn said they know she would like to....she guessed this is her opinion and it comes from her. Lonn said to give out these salaries of the.....of their government as well as the casino really bothered her and she has worked on both sides. Lonn said the reason being is when they give out the casino salaries they are letting the other Tribes know what they give their employees so they are going to, and as they seen in the past, finagle or whatever talk to the employees to go there. Lonn said she just don't believe in giving those things out. Lonn said

they know she doesn't.....she don't....she is neither there and here if they want to know what her salary is come talk to her but it just....it is just to her a personal type thing when they do that they are letting all the other Tribes know what is going on as far as wages and everything. Lonn said that is just her own opinion.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked any further public comment.

A Tribal member from the audience said they had a question.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said certainly.

Acting Recorder Lonn said come up here.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked would she like to come to the podium please. Di Piazza said if she would give her Tribal.....or name and Tribal number please.

Kathryn Kraus, Tribal #0987, said her question was for Larry Romanelli. Kraus asked the Oversight Committee he was referring to is the one that replaced the Casino Board of Directors.

Ogema Romanelli said that is correct.

Kathryn Kraus asked what members of their Council are on this.

Ogema Romanelli said there are none at this time.

Kathryn Kraus said that was supposed to be the point when the Casino Board of Directors was abolished.

Ogema Romanelli said if she reads the Oversight Task Force yes that is correct.

Kathryn Kraus said so one person can show up at this meeting and make major decisions.

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Kathryn Kraus said that is so totally wrong.

Ogema Romanelli said he agrees. Romanelli said that is why he decided to suspend the meetings until further notice.

Kathryn Kraus said she would agree with that but what happens in the meantime then.

Ogema Romanelli said in the meantime those things that he was doing at the meetings he believed he had the right to do so as the Tribal Ogema per the

Constitution so those things will still be done. Romanelli said now the difference between that is he is not representing seven people. Romanelli said he is representing the Office of the Ogema.

Kathryn Kraus said well yes.

Ogema Romanelli said which he believed he still has that ability to do so. Romanelli said in doing so when he makes a decision as the Ogema he has Leads that he depends on, he has Department Directors that he depends on the government side and it would be no different on that side that he could really depend on. Romanelli said he doesn't profess to then represent seven people and that is the big difference in his opinion.

Kathryn Kraus said this is so concerning because that is the funds....

Ogema Romanelli said correct.

Kathryn Kraus said.....that support this Tribe and all of its activities and its people.

Ogema Romanelli said he can't agree more.

Kathryn Kraus said what especially concerns her is well she had thought a lot about the clinic because the doctor they had in.....at the time it was being planned from Chilcofe, Ohio Doctor.....her name began with an A and it allude her at the moment. Kraus said she is the one that sold her on building a big clinic that was going to service all of the casino employees, all of the Tribal employees, and all of its members. Kraus said she told her at the time how much they were spending per year because they were self-insured at the casino that they were spending a million to a million and a half dollars a year covering their health insurance. Kraus said then another number for the Tribal employees whereas they're told if they are in the nine county to have their medical coverage they need to attend the clinic. Kraus said now she is one of the lucky ones her husband had a good job and a good pension and she has the option but she could join the plan he was with when he with her. Kraus said so she feels she has a back-up plan but she worries about the other members in their Tribe that don't have that ability. Kraus said security in this day and age with medical costs being what they are and she sees them having. Kraus said she is lucky also to travel and when she is in the west she goes to an Indian Health Center Clinic and they have a Dentist and they have Psychiatrist and they have an Ophthalmologist. Kraus said what they don't have travel in on a scheduled basis and they don't have those options. Kraus said they get referred out to outside providers but that is reassuring because they have the Tribe as.....at their backs with the income from the casino so all of this concerns her greatly.

Ogema Romanelli said yes as it does him. Romanelli said some of the, they know, again he goes back to the Face Book posts. Romanelli said there were recently a lot of Face Book action that happened within the last week and a half regarding their clinic. Romanelli said they have.....there is a lot of misinformation that goes on Face Book, they know that, and it is hard to sort out the real from the imagined.

Kathryn Kraus said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said they have to take all those things into consideration. Romanelli said for an example if they take their neighboring Tribe the Gun Lake because the Gun Lake employ, who is employed there but is a member of their Tribe has been commenting a lot on employment issues, etc. Romanelli said he doesn't really agree with that he thinks it is kind of dangerous. Romanelli said they all have to understand that Gun Lake in comparison to Little River makes almost twenty times as much as they do. Romanelli said when they take for example they have 20 or 4,200 members if they have 500 members and he is saying if they are they have to understand that they have eight times the membership that they do.

Kathryn Kraus said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said now if they are making twice or three times what they do from their casino then they calculate eight times twice the amount or three times the amount. Romanelli said he believed the amount to be darn near three times the amount so they have 24 times more money than they have and they are expected to compete with them. Romanelli said that is just as unfair as it used to be to compare them with Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.

Kathryn Kraus said yeah.

Ogema Romanelli said now when he came into the office they weren't paying per cap and he opposed per cap initially because he thought they should generate a super fund where they would take and build up the fund first and take the interest from there and pay the membership. Romanelli said it would be more solid it would give them a base that they could keep and it would be uniform across the board mostly. Romanelli said that is what Sag Chipp had the opportunity to do because they got ahead of the crowd so for them to be compared with Sag Chipp or Gun Lake or some of these others he doesn't think is fair. Romanelli asked so what do they do. Romanelli said he thinks they take the money they have and they look at welfare and the benefit of their Tribal members and he thinks they do a pretty good job all things considered. Romanelli said when they have those things going out on the Face Book that are incorrect that doesn't help them at all. Romanelli said it doesn't help them. Romanelli said so those are the types of things that he wished they could get out there so yes he is absolutely in support of that. Romanelli said they know they have the benefit of going to other Tribal

Clinics as well if they are Tribal they have the right to do so if they are a Federally Recognized Tribal member so they can do that too. Romanelli said he takes all her concerns very seriously.

Kathryn Kraus thanked the Ogema. Kraus said like she said that is her concern this is a major business but it is well since their enterprises has not been successful.

Ogema Romanelli said right, exactly.

Kathryn Kraus said they haven't....that is the most successful enterprise that they have and the main source of their income.

Ogema Romanelli said absolutely.

Kathryn Kraus said their longevity then.

Ogema Romanelli said absolutely.

Kathryn Kraus said.....to keep them moving forward.

Ogema Romanelli said yes and anybody that is keeping track, they know, it is 85-90% of their income that generates their Tribal business and supports their governments and Tribal members. Romanelli said that means that the other is the smaller economic development things that are being done and grants account for several million dollars.

Kathryn Kraus said yes, but the other enterprises were trying to go into.....they are getting the funding.

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Kathryn Kraus said.....to start.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, absolutely. Romanelli thanked Kathryn Kraus.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Miigwech for speaking. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said oh, a couple of points of clarification. Crampton said number one when he first got here in 2005 there was no surplus. Crampton said he was shocked to learn that there wasn't no surplus put away for Per Cap or expected Per Cap. Crampton said that was one of the things that troubled him greatly. Crampton said another thing when they are talking about the population of the Oversight Task Force the nominations have to be brought forward by the Ogema and they have had several people in the hopper that he has not brought

forward. Crampton said so when they are talking about one person being on the Board because the other people haven't been moved forward.

Ogema Romanelli asked may he respond to that. Romanelli thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said they did bring one forward.....here is what he asked this calls for.....they need no background they just have to be an Elected Official and as an Elected Official they know what they need to become Elected Members. Romanelli said they have to be a certain age over 18 or 21 whatever it is and they have to live in a certain area. Romanelli said other that they have to just get votes to get elected so they need no background. Romanelli said now they transfer it over to this Oversight Task Force and they say the same thing. Romanelli said all they have to do is be elected they don't have to have any background whatsoever, nothing. Romanelli said so if he is to make an appointment of someone he wants to know a little bit about their background whether they are elected or not, doesn't he. Romanelli said if he has nine people and they all might be chosen doesn't he want to know if somebody has business experience, experience in a casino, he means that would seem kind of logical, and so he asked for them to submit a Letter of Interest and a resume. Romanelli said that is all he asked so that he can make some determinations if he is going to go forward to put their names forward. Romanelli said that seems to be a problem. Romanelli said many of these people don't want to do it. Romanelli said they will either tell Mary Thomas that they want to be on the Board or they will send an e-mail and he doesn't think a Letter of Interest is too much to ask. Romanelli said type them out *"Hi, my name is such and such and I would like to be on the Board of the Oversight Task Force,"* date it, sign it and put it in. Romanelli said given him their resume he doesn't think that is too much to ask so that is what he asked. Romanelli said the one that did that was Diane Lonn. Romanelli said he put her name forward and guess what happened. Romanelli said they rejected her. Romanelli said Tribal Council rejected her even though they don't need any background. Romanelli asked what is that. Romanelli said other people put their name forward and they've been reluctant to either provide a Letter of Interest, a resume, or get their background checks done. Romanelli said they have been either reluctant or slow or whatever the case is. Romanelli said so who does he put forward. Romanelli said then they say if they look at the requirements *"the four members of the Task Force shall be At Large"* these people that are not Elected Officials and they don't have to be Tribal Members by the way by this resolution. Romanelli said it says.....

A Tribal member in the audience said "really wow."

Romanelli said yeah listen to this. Romanelli read *"four members of the Oversight Task Force shall be At Large and shall be appointed by the Ogema and approved by the Tribal Council. At Large Members need not be enrolled*

members of the Tribe.” Romanelli said okay he didn’t put that in, okay. Romanelli said let’s keep going “ Romanelli read *“the Ogema and the Tribal Council shall ensure, shall ensure, that every effort is make to appoint and approve individuals who possess relevant experience in fields of business, finance, and/or hospitality industry with a particular emphasis on Gaming Facility experience.”* Romanelli asked does that mean that somebody that opened a Flower Shop for two years whatever the case, he hoped nobody did, they would think he was talking about them. Romanelli said opened a Flower Shop for two years is qualified, not in his mind. Romanelli repeated not in his mind. Romanelli said he means they would have to give him more than that. Romanelli said what they are asking for here is pretty significant and he takes that seriously. Romanelli said they know they had some Board Members when they had a Board of Directors that had wonderful backgrounds. Romanelli repeated wonderful backgrounds. Romanelli said so he guessed he doesn’t if that answers the question or not he forgot where they were.

A Tribal member from the audience asked “How do they change the wording of that because that is so totally wrong that they don’t have to be members of the Little River Band.”

Ogema Romanelli said personally he doesn’t have that clear objection if they have qualified people but he doesn’t think they should be placed ahead of Tribal members, they know. Romanelli said here they are they have one person representing it so he is waving a red flag here saying *“folks we need to do something.”* Romanelli said the only people that can change this at this point and time would be the Tribal Council that puts this in effect in about January 2017.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he still has Shannon Crampton in the queue.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he has somebody..... Di Piazza said to Shannon Crampton to go ahead.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to point out that when they serve on Council they see all the records of almost everybody, they are approving Budgets, they are doing the Close Session and seeing all the casino information and they do all of this. Crampton said now when the Board of Directors was going he will show them the minutes where Elaine Porter was brought forward just basically for her experience on Tribal Council by the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli said okay he missed what the point was.

A Tribal Member in the audience said they cannot hear.

Councilor Crampton said he is sorry he was saying.....he was saying the point is that the minutes will show that Elaine Porter was brought forward by the Ogema and basically her only experience was being on Tribal Council for the Board of Directors.

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said he thinks there is more to the story but did she not serve on their Board of Directors.

Acting Recorder Lonn said yep.

Ogema Romanelli said did she not serve on Tribal Council so it wasn't just that she served on Tribal Council. Romanelli said part of the problem they have, and this has happened in the past, is he gets complaints because he doesn't put somebody's name forward. Romanelli said they have heard it and they have seen it because they know that somebody put their name in but Larry Romanelli and Mary Thomas didn't put their name forward. Romanelli said he didn't put their name forward because he didn't think they were qualified. Romanelli said so what happens then he get e-mails and Face Book and Council saying they know he put that.....they know that name is in there and he is not putting it forward. Romanelli said there is nobody.....they know there is an open fi.....okay they want it he will give it to them. Romanelli said if he gives it to them it doesn't mean he approves of it and the records say that the Tribal Council has the right, they actually have the duty to interview these people. Romanelli said so even if he put it forward and there is nothing in their background and the Tribal Councilors should say "*Hi Elaine Porter can you tell us a little bit about your background.*" Romanelli asked shouldn't they. Romanelli answered sure they should.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Diane Lonn is in the queue but he doesn't know if this is going.....

Ogema Romanelli said he means no disrespect for Elaine Porter by the way.

Acting Recorder Lonn said that is her thing. Lonn said she has known Elaine Porter from the time she was over there and she feels bad that her name was brought up but.....

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, him too.

Acting Recorder Lonn said she as the Council did sit in the Director's Meetings because she was the Assistant to the General Manager at the time so she would be there and she as well as others that are not here would sit at every Director Meeting so she was very well aware of how the casino ran. Lonn said she would most qualified to be on that if she.....if the poor thing was still alive.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Diane Lonn if she was all set.

Acting Recorder Lonn said yes.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said oh, just a point of order what he said about Mrs. Porter was that she was brought forward by the Ogema and he doesn't see how that is disrespectful unless that is some sign of disrespect.

Ogema Romanelli said he was just clarifying that he don't want it to be interpreted as such neither from them nor from him or anybody else.

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't see how he even inferred that at all.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Shannon Crampton.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay he thinks they will move on from here. Di Piazza said they are in public comment he sees that they had somebody else join them.

Ogema Romanelli said he is here for, yeah, for the comments.

Levi Stone, Tribal #1737, said he is not sure the proper approach here. Stone said the situation is in employment and related issues. Stone said he was hoping to come today to ask that when they close Closed Session he could have the opportunity to come up here and address them guys as well as the Ogema before they left.....to adjourn to the back for Closed Session so. Stone said he guess he was asking for a brief period after Open Session to discuss an issue that he had concerning employment with them guys.

Ogema Romanelli said did he say.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said.....did he say he wanted to go into Closed Session.

Levi Stone said well.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah.

Levi Stone said.....he thinks it would be appropriate considering.....

Ogema Romanelli said it would be personnel right.

Levi Stone said.....what the issue is. Stone said it would probably be more appropriate to address it in a Closed Session form rather than an Open.....he doesn't have an issue personally addressing it in an Open forum but he also is not

an attorney he doesn't have an attorney and he doesn't know what it is in his best interest in the circumstance so he thinks for now if he could address them guys in a Closed Session forum it probably would be a little more appropriate.

Ogema Romanelli said this is a Council Meeting and Council Decision but he will be available if needed.

Levi Stone said yeah he would like him to be here as well.

Ogema Romanelli said thanks.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said um, Levi Stone, if it is an employment issue it would more than likely be confidential and also be careful of what he may speak of at the podium if it is concerning whoever it may be. Di Piazza said employment issues that does fall onto the Executive side whether it is in the Government Building or even across the street at the casino there is not much.....

Levi Stone said well they have a Council Member who is a Liaison to the Gaming Commission who ultimately was party to the activities that are surrounding the issues he has so he felt it would be appropriate for everybody to hear it and maybe come to some resolution that way. Stone said they know it's a.....it is important to him and involves more than 25 years of his history in the industry and he is not even sure what else the actions that were taken or affecting. Stone said it is disruptive to him to just sit by and continually allow things to happen to him and not come up and stand up for himself so. Stone said he has something that he would like to address to Council and the Ogema with and he would like to do it.....he thinks it would be appropriate to do it not in open forum.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said _____. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't know if they can.....he would ask that the Speaker maybe get with the Unified Legal after this meeting and see what would be the appropriate action because he doesn't know if they can entertain it as a part of Closed Session today maybe after they do Second Open Council and maybe the Ogema would entertain a meeting with him.

Ogema Romanelli said he, he.....

Councilor Crampton said a private meeting he is not sure.

Ogema Romanelli said he will try and do what he can to assist he don't.....he thinks as if he is the employee they are talking about he has the right to waive his confidentiality he thinks but the rest of it is up to Council. Romanelli said if he can be of service he will try and do so but.....

Levi Stone said if everybody in the gallery and present has concluded their interest concerning the open comment period and are going to be leaving anyway those guys can stay in open session and he will just do it when everybody leaves.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Levi Stone said to simplify things.

Ogema Romanelli said right. Romanelli said he will leave this to Council.....

Levi Stone said he already waited an extended period to have this consequence, they know, affect his situation so to have it pushed out any further doesn't make sense to him. Stone said he wants to talk, they know, today. Stone repeated he wanted to talk today.

Ogema Romanelli said Council's decision at this point and time though. Romanelli thanked Levi Stone.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Rebecca Liebing if she had something.

Rebecca Liebing, Unified Department Attorney, made comments from the audience and they were not picked up on the tape recording.

Rebecca Liebing said she would recommend that they have a private meeting with him whether it is Closed or it is private after they have adjourned their regular Council Meeting. Liebing said whether it is appropriate there is Second Open after they hear the information they can determine that but right now just for Levi Stone's interest he initially asked for a private meeting. Liebing asked does that make sense to them. Liebing said then obviously they may or may not move it because everyone has limited powers so whenever ____ and if it does not fall within their power but they won't know until they hear about it. Liebing said certainly right now they can't tell them. Liebing said she would definitely recommend a private meeting initially.

Councilor Crampton said that was his initial thought. Crampton thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah, why don't they set one up for 2:00.

Levi Stone asked 2:00 this afternoon.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes.

Levi Stone said that is fine. Stone asked will Larry Romanelli be able to be present for that.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said that he doesn't know.

Ogema Romanelli asked what time would that be.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked do they want to do 1:00 after lunch.

Acting Recorder Lonn said yep.

Councilor Wittenberg said one.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said 1:00 would probably work better.

Levi Stone said 1:00.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah.

Levi Stone said all right and thanked them.

Councilor Crampton said depending on how quick this goes and Closed Session goes. Crampton said ah, yeah, 1:00 okay fine.

Levi Stone asked is 1:00 good for everybody. Stone said all right and thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said to Levi Stone that when he does come back just see Grace Hendler to get back.

Levi Stone said to be able to get in back. Stone said okay.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Miigwech. Di Piazza said well if there is no further public comments they will be going into Closed.

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

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he will entertain a motion to end first open.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN; by Crampton; supported by Lewis.

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

Acting Recorder Lonn responded yes.

Roll Call #7

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said eight in favor and one absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he will entertain a motion to go into open.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

MOTION TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN; by Guenthardt; supported by Lewis.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn if he can get a roll call please.

Roll Call #8

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Councilor Crampton said before they begin they were all imitating their Spirit Animals so it is his turn.

Councilor Champagne said they do not want to see hers.

Councilor Lonn said good Lord.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn if they had any items to move from Closed to Open.

Acting Recorder Lonn said yes.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said she has to make a motion. Di Piazza said no she needs to say that.

MOTION TO MOVE #19-0619-170, MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY, AND RESOLUTIONS #19-0619-172, #19-0626-176 AND #19-0626-177, MOTION, ROLL CALL AND RESOLUTION; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn if he can get a roll call.

Roll Call #9

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Recorder Lonn said sorry she couldn't do this all the time because these are driving her crazy.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said just say them items have been moved.

Acting Recorder Lonn said those items have been moved.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Lonn.

The following motion and roll call only was moved from Closed to Open Session from the 6/19/19 Tribal Council Meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0619-170, APPROVING THE FY 2019 RESORT REFORECAST BUDGETS; by Corey; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The following resolution, motion and roll call was moved from Closed to Open Session from the 6/19/19 Tribal Council Meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0619-172, AUTHORIZING \$35,000 DONATION TO MUSKEGON BIKE TIME, LLC; by Lonn; supported by Guenthardt.

Roll Call #C-5

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

Motion carried (5-2-1-1)

The following resolutions, motions and roll calls were moved from Closed to Open Session from the 6/26/19 Tribal Council Meeting.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0626-176,
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BARTON ASSOCIATES;** by
Lewis; supported by Lonn.

Roll Call #C-3

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

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-0626-177,
APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA’S EXECUTION OF CONTRACT
WITH LISA J. VOGLER FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN MEMBERS
LEGAL ASSISTANCE;** by Lewis; supported by Guenthardt.

Roll Call #C-4

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

This concludes the resolutions, motions and roll calls that were moved from Closed to Open Session from the 6/19/19 and 6/26/19 Tribal Council Meetings.

IX. Adjourn

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he will entertain a motion to close Second Open.

MOTION TO CLOSE SECOND OPEN; by Guenthardt; supported by
Wittenberg.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Lonn if he can get a roll call.

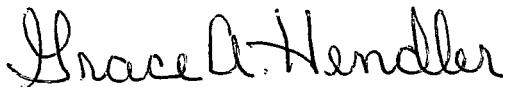
Roll Call #10

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


Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Diane Lonn,
Acting Council Recorder